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Praying for rain

Wilmington police and Wilmington fire were on the scene of a brush fire on Shawsheen Avenue near Nichols Street on Saturday. The road was temporarily closed between Reed Street and Nichols Street. Residents should be aware of the dangers of outdoor burning as the state remains in an extreme drought. Measurable rainfall is finally expected today. (Courtesy photo)

Select Board approve alcohol license transfer

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board met on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. since Monday, Nov. 11 was Veterans' Day. Chair Greg Bendel opened by thanking Wilmington's veterans and veterans service officer.

They held a public hearing on a request to transfer the All Alcohol License from C&C Restaurant Group, LLC doing business as Rocco's Restaurant to Rocco's Restaurant & Bar, LLC doing business as Rocco's Restaurant and Bar for the property located at 193 Main St.

New business owner Alex Dos Santos Evoras shared his experience as a chef, bartender, manager, and restaurant owner over the past 25 years. He assured the board that he felt he had the skills to run this business.

Gary DePalma asked about the proposed business hours. Dos Santos Evoras mentioned that he would seek to open for breakfast and stay open until as late as midnight.

Lilia Maselli commented that she was glad to see new business owners at Rocco's and asked when Dos Santos Evoras would take over. He replied that he was just waiting on the liquor license to get started.

Frank West welcomed Dos Santos Evoras to Wilmington and asked to clarify that he was only buying the business but not the building. The applicant confirmed that this was the case, and they would rent the building.

Kevin Caira said that Wilmington would welcome the business.

Bendel confirmed that a determination was made that the operations would not be detrimental to The Learning Express.

The board therefore voted in favor of the application to transfer the all alcohol license.

Town Manager Eric Slagle wrote a memo to the board on the town clerk and town election. In his overview during the meeting, he shared that the town clerk staff worked over weeks and weekends to collect early voting and process votes and mail-in ballots. They saw 41 percent of registered voters participate in early or mail-in voting and another 35 percent vote on election day, totaling 76 percent. He wanted to mention the incredible volume of work that the town clerk's office dedicated in this effort.

Bendel also thanked the town clerk specifically and her staff's effort in training, preparation, and trial runs.

Maselli thanked the volunteers involved on election day.

Slagle mentioned that a few town manager's office employees volunteered on election day after work.

The board also received a letter from the Historical Commission requesting that the board put forth an amendment to the town by-law to include appropriate demolition delay protections.

West asked in response what the process would be

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Select Board approves removal of earth request

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board held a public hearing for a proposal to remove earth at 11 Commonwealth Ave. during their meeting on Nov. 12.

Select Board Chair Greg Bendel introduced the representative for the project, Attorney Michael Newhouse, on behalf of S&K Associates, LLC.

Newhouse shared that he is the counsel for the applicant and owner of the property known as 11 Commonwealth Ave. He also mentioned that joining him that evening was Jacquelyn Welch, a business associate of Michael Welch, Newhouse's client's general contractor.

He then explained that the applicant and owner in this case was required to go through a roadway improvement plan as the property doesn't front on a street that is developed or appears on the official town map. This requires approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board through 81G, and the recommendation and input of a variety of administration officials.

The applicant needed to remove about 750 cubic yards of material from the site as part of following the approved conditions from the ZBA, the town engineer, and the Planning Board. Newhouse added that the applicant has taken no objection to any of the town engineer's recommendations to make sure that they protect the streets of Wilmington through construction.

They were also required to seek approval from the Select Board as part of the roadway improvement plan.

Bendel asked for the recommendations of the Department of Public Works and other town employees. Town Manager Eric Slagle shared Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich's favorable recommendation stating that the Planning Board approved the construction of a single-family home on this property in 2022 and the material was confirmed not to have altered drainage patterns or negatively affect the site. He also shared a recommendation for approval from the building inspector.

Gary DePalma asked Newhouse if the material would be removed from the town.

Newhouse replied that they would in all likelihood remove all the materials from town, but there was a chance that anything scraped off the top would stay.

Frank West asked about what currently exists on this property. Newhouse said that there was not a house there yet, but they would construct a culde-sac on the property as part of the roadway improvement plan. He confirmed that all residents in proximity of 8 Commonwealth Ave. had been notified of the public hearing that night.

West then wondered if any property of 8 Commonwealth Ave. was be-

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Wilmington Library News:

STEAM Team program on Monday, Nov. 25

The library will be closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group

Monday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. This month's featured book is The Many Lives of Mama Love by Lara Love Hardin.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. Now meeting every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the Library.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Creative Writing Skills Group

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.

Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast Barbara Alevras. To register, email Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll at *adultservices@wilmlibrary.org* with the name of the event.

Needleworkers

Friday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs

STEAM Team

Monday, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.

Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! Grades K-5

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Teen Leadership Council

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.

Are you interested in advocating for what you want at WML? Have you volunteered before, but want to commit to more? Join our Teen Leadership Council! Please email *srottger@wilmlibrary.org* with any questions. Grades 7-12

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

▲ Register now for STEAM Team on Monday, Nov. 25 at 6 p.m.! Students in grades K-5 will learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging program!

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Breach — a Short Horror Film

Breach is a short horror film written, directed and edited by WCTV youth program member and Wilmington High senior Justin Walker. Starring Wilmington High students Brady McLaughlin, Ben O'Brien, J.J. DelTurco and Justin Walker.

It All Boyles Down to This — Episode 57

Jack and Jim are back with NFL, college football, college hoops, least liked CBB coaches,, some Juan Soto talk, and finish with ManUnited

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's You tube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, Nov. 25, Select Board 7 p.m.

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by Todd Brisbois

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Lifestyle

The familiar debate over whether to cook the stuffing in the bird or out is a question that will come up in most kitchens across the country in the next week. (Heather Burns photo)

To stuff (your turkey) or not to stuff that is the question

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

With the holiday season quickly approaching, home chefs across the country are faced with a number of important decisions to be made regarding the upcoming Thanksgiving feast.

Such problems as fresh or frozen turkey, dark meat or white, sweet or mashed potato, and should your democratic aunt sit next to your republican cousin, are all valid questions a holiday host should ask themself in order to have a smooth holiday celebration.

But there is one holiday decision that is always met with feverish debate among family members. It is the yearly conundrum of whether to cook the stuffing in the bird or out.

This question often leads to a great debate among generational family chefs, as old school thinking advocates for cooking stuffing in the bird, whereas a more modern cook considers it a risky venture, and prefers to cook stuffing separately from the bird.

To be clear, the proper terminology for this beloved side dish when it is cooked separately from the turkey is "dressing" while the dish that is literally stuffed into the cavity of the bird to cook carries the true name of "stuffing."

For those still on the fence about how to prepare this year's Turkey Day side dish, keep in mind that the USDA recommends NOT cooking a stuffed turkey, as this practice can increase the risk of cross contamination.

Cooking a stuffed bird can slow down cooking times, and even though the turkey may be fully cooked, it does not necessarily mean the stuffing is thoroughly cooked.

Under cooked stuffing can easily cause cross contamination illness due to the stuffing's porous bread structure that can easily absorb juices from the turkey. These turkey juices may contain the bacteria known as Salmonella.

According to the Mayo Clinic, Salmonella can cause diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps to those who may accidentally consume food tainted with it. In some cases it can cause severe dehydration and life threatening complications.

As unappealing as the chance of Salmonella poisoning may be, your grandmother may argue that preparing dressing outside of the bird will cause the dish to lose the flavor and moisture that stuffing will get when it is cooked in the cavity of the turkey.

For those who decide to throw caution to the wind in favor of a more flavorful stuffing that is cooked in the bird, there are a few safety tips offered by the USDA that you should follow when preparing your Thanksgiving meal.

According to the USDA, never stuff a bird the night before you plan to cook it.

Although this may seem like a time saver, bacteria can multiply when in a raw bird cavity for such an extended time frame. This can cause foodborne illnesses even when the stuffed bird is refrigerated.

Always mix wet and dry stuffing ingredients separately, and keep refrigerated until ready to cook. Mixing the wet and dry ingredients too early before cooking can produce an environment that bacteria could thrive in for hours before cooking.

Once the wet and dry ingredients are combined, the mixture should be placed in the bird immediately before going into the oven.

Always stuff the bird loosely (about one-third cup per pound), as a tightly packed cavity will take much longer to cook and makes for optimum conditions for bacteria to grow.

With the use of a meat thermometer, always make sure the turkey and the stuffing center reach 165 degrees Fahrenheit before considering it to be fully cooked.

Once your turkey and stuffing are fully cooked, be sure to empty the turkey cavity as soon as possible after a 20 minute rest time.

Never hold the stuffing in the turkey's cavity at room temperature longer than two hours to avoid rapid bacterial growth.

For those that choose to go the "dressing" route and make the side dish separate from the bird, most traditional stuffing recipes can easily be adapted to prepare separately in a casserole dish.

There are also many stuffing or dressing prepackaged mixes that can very easily be prepared in the oven, microwave or on stove top.

No need to leave that turkey cavity empty, either. Utilize the empty cavity by filling it with a selection of flavor building items that will add flavor and moisture to the meat.

The most popular flavor builders are similar to the base of stock and soup, such as onion, celery and carrots. Loosely insert one or more of these items in the cavity. As the bird cooks, the steam of these items will infuse your meat with wonderful moisture and flavor.

Use a peeled apple to achieve a cidery-tart flavor, or citrus fruits to give your turkey a bright flavor with added moisture.

After removing the fully cooked turkey from the oven, always discard your flavor builder from the cavity of the bird after a 20 minute rest time.

Keep in mind throughout this busy entertaining season, that these USDA stuffing safeguards apply not only to turkey, but also when preparing stuffed chicken, duck, goose or game hens.

While planning this year's holiday menu, consider carefully that how you prepare your meal is just as important as the decision of what to serve.

Take heed to USDA safety warnings when preparing your traditional favorites, including stuffing, to ensure a safe and enjoyable meal for you and your guests and a happy and healthy holiday season.

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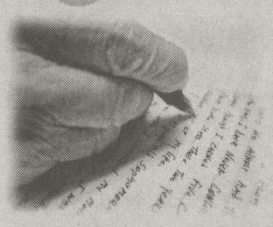

Letter to the editor

A great library begins with friends

Dear library supporter,

Will you support the 2024 Annual Appeal by the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library?

Inviting community spaces are an important part of a vibrant society. And few places are as inviting as the Wilmington Memorial Library! Years of innovation and redesign by our hardworking staff have created useful and comfortable spaces at our library — areas that are available for all to use and enjoy. Some of these beloved spaces include:

- The Peggy Kane Reading Garden
- Comfortable seating in the library's redesigned first floor
- Our Storywalk at Rotary Park
- A Children's Room enhanced by a mural, specially created by award-winning author and illustrator Bob Shea.

All these projects, and much more, would not have been possible without funding from the Friends following a successful Annual Appeal campaign!

This year's Annual Appeal is in support of a new initiative in the Children's Room. Our library has received funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in the form of a Mind in the Making grant. With this award, library staff will be able to purchase learning toys and manipulatives, furniture and games with the goal of enhancing the educational and social development of our youngest patrons. This grant provides guidelines, with goals and strategies for creating experiences based upon a scientific understanding of child development, how children learn life skills and more. The grant comes with funding, but also the expectation that the Library will match the award with community funding.

Your contribution to the 2024 Annual Appeal will support the Mind in the Making Grant and allow our library staff to create the best possible learning environment for our young visitors. The Library's Children's Room is a special place, with the potential to create a meaningful experience in young lives. Please join me in supporting that by donating to our 2024 Annual Appeal campaign!

Donations can be accepted online at *bit.ly/friends appeal24* or you can mail a check to the library at 175 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887. Checks should be made out to "The Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library." A response card and a return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. Donations are tax deductible.

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Sincerely,
Terry McDermott
President

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Book Stew Review

'The Swans of Harlem' by Karen Valby

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Even Misty Copeland didn't know about the five pioneering Black ballerinas from Dance Theatre of Harlem. This book introduced them to her and to the world.

Arthur Mitchell, who danced with the New York City Ballet from 1955-1966, was the first African American male hired (Copeland was the first Black woman to dance with the American Ballet Theatre, in 2015) by an all-white company.

He was tired of seeing talented Black dancers rejected by the top American ballet troupes and subsequently founded Dance Theatre of Harlem (DTH) in 1969. The principal dancers — Sheila Rohan, Marcia Sells, Karlya Shelton, Lydia Abarca, and Gayle McKinney, and their male partners — received acclaim everywhere they toured, but DTH was chronically underfunded and Mitchell grew frustrated at always having to go, hat in hand, to foundations and potential sponsors to keep the school solvent.

His mercurial and domineering temperament disrupted the company, and he frequently found fault with the "swans" hair, weight, and companions. But he had the support of giants of the ballet world like George Balanchine, and Mitchell imposed that model of dancer — sleek, tall, pale, and willowy — on the ballerinas.

Although competing for roles, they supported and defended each other to Mitchell, although each would leave DTH when his slashing critiques became too difficult to overcome.

The book acknowledges his genius and perseverance but does not defend his verbal abuse. Each of the dancers has her glorious turn in the spotlight in this glowing tribute, focusing on their backstories and their varied talents.

This is an affecting and affectionate story, and now Misty knows them, too!

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Legislature passes An Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership

BOSTON — Last week, the Massachusetts Legislature passed a sweeping economic development bill authorizing a nearly $4 billion infusion into the Commonwealth's economy while making wide-ranging policy changes to make Massachusetts more competitive.

The bold investments in H.5100, An Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership, will stimulate new and proven industries, support workforce development and talent retention, and modernize economic growth strategies. Provisions of the bill will support small businesses, communities, and cultural development, ensuring that businesses Main Streets across the Commonwealth benefit from the economic boost.

"This bill is transformational for the future of the Massachusetts economy," Sen. Barry Finegold said. "Thank you to my colleagues in the Legislature, Senate President Karen Spilka, House Speaker Ron Mariano, House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz, Senate Ways and Means Chair Michael Rodrigues, my Economic Development Committee co-Chair Jerry Parisella, Governor Maura Healey, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Secretary of Economic Development Yvonne Hao, the members of the Economic Development Planning Council, and all of the business leaders and stakeholders who offered their testimony on the bill."

Finegold continued: "Here in Massachusetts, we have enjoyed a successful run. Yet, we do not want to take our economic success for granted. Legendary NFL head coach Bill Parcells used to always keep a pebble in his shoe as a reminder to never get too comfortable. With this economic development bill, we are heeding Coach Parcells' admonition to avoid complacency.

"Through this bill, the state is offering renewed investment in biotech and new support for cleantech. It implements significant policy reforms in healthcare, education, public safety, and more — contributing to our state's competitiveness by reducing overhead costs and revitalizing our workforce. The provisions included will bring increased economic opportunities to all regions of the state, from data centers and agriculture that impact Western Massachusetts to our coastal communities' commercial fishing industry and offshore wind growth.

"This economic development legislation authorizes $3.96 billion in capital programs and a sweeping set of policy changes to support businesses and communities alike."

HIGHLIGHTS

Climatetech investment

Provides $400 million in capital resources to the MassCEC (Massachusetts Clean Energy Center) to utilize over the next 10 years, with $200 million authorized to support innovation and deployment of climatetech technologies and $200 million to support the offshore wind industry.

It also establishes a new tax credit to invest in climatetech companies. A new program housed at MassCEC will develop and expand employment opportunities in climatetech and promote climatetech-related economic development by supporting and stimulating research, development, innovation, manufacturing, deployment and commercialization in the climatetech sector. The credit will be subject to a $30 million annual cap.

Life sciences

Authorizes $500 million over 10 years for the Life Sciences Breakthrough Fund to reauthorize the Commonwealth's life sciences initiative.

Known as Life Sciences 3.0, the reauthorization adds health equity, biosecurity, digital health, and artificial intelligence to the mission of the Life Sciences Center. The bill increases the annual tax credit authorization for the life sciences industry from $30 million to $40 million.

Support for small businesses

Restructures two quasi-state agencies that are designed to be the gateway for access to state resources, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment).

The legislation also authorizes a five-year pilot program for the Commonwealth to assist small businesses in acquiring surety bonds. Large capital projects, whether public or private, often require retention of a surety bond by the contractor as financial security. Historically, economically and socially disadvantaged businesses often cannot acquire these bonds because of a lack of credit history or collateral. This program creates a self-sustaining state assistance program to open doors for more of these businesses.

Educator diversity

Allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to develop an alternative certification process for teachers who may face challenges passing the educator certification exam but can otherwise demonstrate their competence as teachers. The change will help Massachusetts diversify the K-12 educator workforce.

Live theater tax credit

Launches a new tax credit of up to $7 million annually to support local live theater productions. The credit will help Massachusetts artists working towards Broadway or off-Broadway launch a national tour.

Craft beer at farmers markets

Updates the law to allow for locally produced craft beer to be sold at farmers markets, like wine and cider currently.

Ticketing transparency

Requires ticket sellers to clearly disclose the actual ticket price when listing tickets online and bans automated ticket purchasing software, otherwise known as bots. Bots drive up prices in the secondary market by creating artificial scarcity when fans try to purchase tickets from the artist or venue.

Soccer stadium and environmental cleanup in Everett

Allows for the construction of a professional soccer stadium and waterfront park on a parcel of land in Everett by removing the parcel's classification as a designated port area. The change is expected to have positive environmental and economic impacts in surrounding communities as well as improve public transit connectivity.

Public funding for the construction of the stadium is not allowed, and funding for public infrastructure improvements associated with the stadium would require matching private funds. The language also requires community mitigation agreements with the cities of Everett and Boston.

Strengthening local and regional public health systems

Overhauls the state's fragmented public health system to ensure strong public health protections for all residents regardless of race, income, or zip code.

Honoring Mayor Menino

Renames the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center the Thomas Michael Menino Convention and Exhibition Center.

Pathway for foreign-trained physicians

Creates a pathway in Massachusetts for physicians previously authorized to practice medicine outside the United States to practice in an underserved region of the Commonwealth.

Nurse licensure compact

Includes a provision to admit Massachusetts in the national nurse licensure compact, which will help alleviate the critical workforce challenges facing the health care sector.

Civil service reforms

Modernizes Massachusetts civil service laws to give communities more options in filling vacancies while giving qualified job seekers more opportunities to find a match.

Data centers tax credit

Creates a new tax credit to attract investment in qualified data centers.

Childcare as campaign expense

Removes current limitations on political candidates using campaign funds for childcare services that occur because of campaign activities.

FAFSA

Requires each school district to notify students prior to graduating from high school of the availability of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to provide students with information on financial aid options.

Liquor license equity

Removes archaic requirement that a restaurant liquor license holder be a United States citizen, thereby creating a pathway for other qualified immigrants.

Project labor agreements

Authorizes public agencies and municipalities to enter into project labor agreements for public works contracts when such an agreement is in the best interest of the public agency or municipality.

Sustainability for farmers

Allows farmers to diversify how they use their farms, including using land for agritourism and selling goods made from produce they have grown themselves.

Capital Authorizations

The legislation includes a total of $3.96 billion in capital authorizations for leading Massachusetts industries like life sciences and climatetech.

Additional authorizations include:

- $400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to support public infrastructure projects and create jobs
- $150 million for library construction projects
- $103 million for artificial intelligence in systems across the state
- $100 million for infrastructure improvements in rural communities
- $21 million for resilience in agriculture and fishing
- $40 million for food science innovations, including $10 million to support the state's nascent alternative protein industry

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Expert tips to save money on home heating

(BPT) - As the days get shorter and cooler, it's the perfect time to turn your attention to your heating system. Before it gets too chilly, you'll want your HVAC system to be in great condition - clean, tuned up and ready to go.

The pros at Aire Serv, a Neighborly company, offer safety and money-saving tips so your home will be comfortable during the colder days to come.

Check the basics

Experts recommend periodic checks that all heating and return vents around your home are unobstructed. Making sure furniture and other items don't block air from moving freely means a consistent temperature from room to room, and your furnace won't have to work as hard.

Also, clear areas around your water heater, clothes dryer (including the vent) and fireplaces to reduce the risk of fire and other hazards.

Pro tip: Close your fireplace damper when not in use, so warm air can't escape.

Schedule your fall tune-up

Even if you consider yourself handy, it's best to have a trained HVAC service professional perform the tune-up and cleaning so your HVAC system and furnace can operate efficiently - saving you money on energy bills all year, keeping your home more comfortable and ensuring the system is safe.

Don't wait for the first frigid day to get your furnace serviced, as many service professionals receive increased calls during extremely cold days due to system breakdowns. A fall service means you'll have prioritized service and have no down time. And definitely don't wait until noticing things like bad smells to call your service professional. While it may be normal to smell burning dust at the beginning of the season, it could also be a warning sign of a dangerous problem.

Consider a duct cleaning service to clear dust and debris from your home's heating ducts. Experts recommend that with some exceptions, duct cleaning should be completed every 3-5 years.

Remember: If you smell gas, leave your home immediately and call 911, then contact your service professional.

Change your furnace filter frequently

If you can't recall the last time you changed the furnace filter, chances are it's overdue. Experts recommend swapping HVAC air filters every 30 to 90 days to ensure no dust or debris builds up in your system.

When air can flow freely through the unit, your system doesn't need to work as hard to heat your home. This translates to lower energy bills and a fresher home. If anyone in your family struggles with asthma or allergies, prioritize this task, and consider changing the filter more frequently - especially when pollen is high.

Pro tip: Write the date on the side of your filter when you change it and put a reminder for the next swap on your calendar.

Thermostats make a difference

To help save money on heating costs, take time to learn how your thermostat works. Turning down your thermostat is one of the most effective ways to save on heating: You can save approximately 15% of your heating bill just by lowering heat 7 degrees over an eight-hour period.

It's common to react to short-term temperature changes by bumping it up and down, but constant changes cost more. If you don't have one, get a programmable thermostat so you can "set it and forget it." Set lower temps when you're away from your home or asleep, but no lower than 67 degrees, to prevent issues like freezing pipes.

Pro tip: If your HVAC system isn't working well despite regular maintenance and cleaning, your thermostat could be the culprit. Upgrading to a new programmable thermostat, or smart thermostat you can operate from your phone, could be a great step toward a more efficient heating system.

Consider HVAC upgrades

If you have an older furnace, you may want to consider a new, more energy-efficient unit. Most older homes have ducted systems, but ductless heating systems (also called ductless mini-split systems) have an outdoor compressor connected to multiple indoor units so you can heat or cool specific zones or rooms.

Your service technician can help you learn the pros and cons of each system and assess issues like purchase price versus operating expense, your home's floor plan, existing ductwork and aesthetic differences.

Dislike dry air in your home? The answer could be a whole-home humidifier. Furnace heating systems can cause havoc on your skin, making air dry and difficult to breathe - and negatively impact wooden furniture. A furnace humidifier installed on your furnace can distribute moistened air equally throughout your home.

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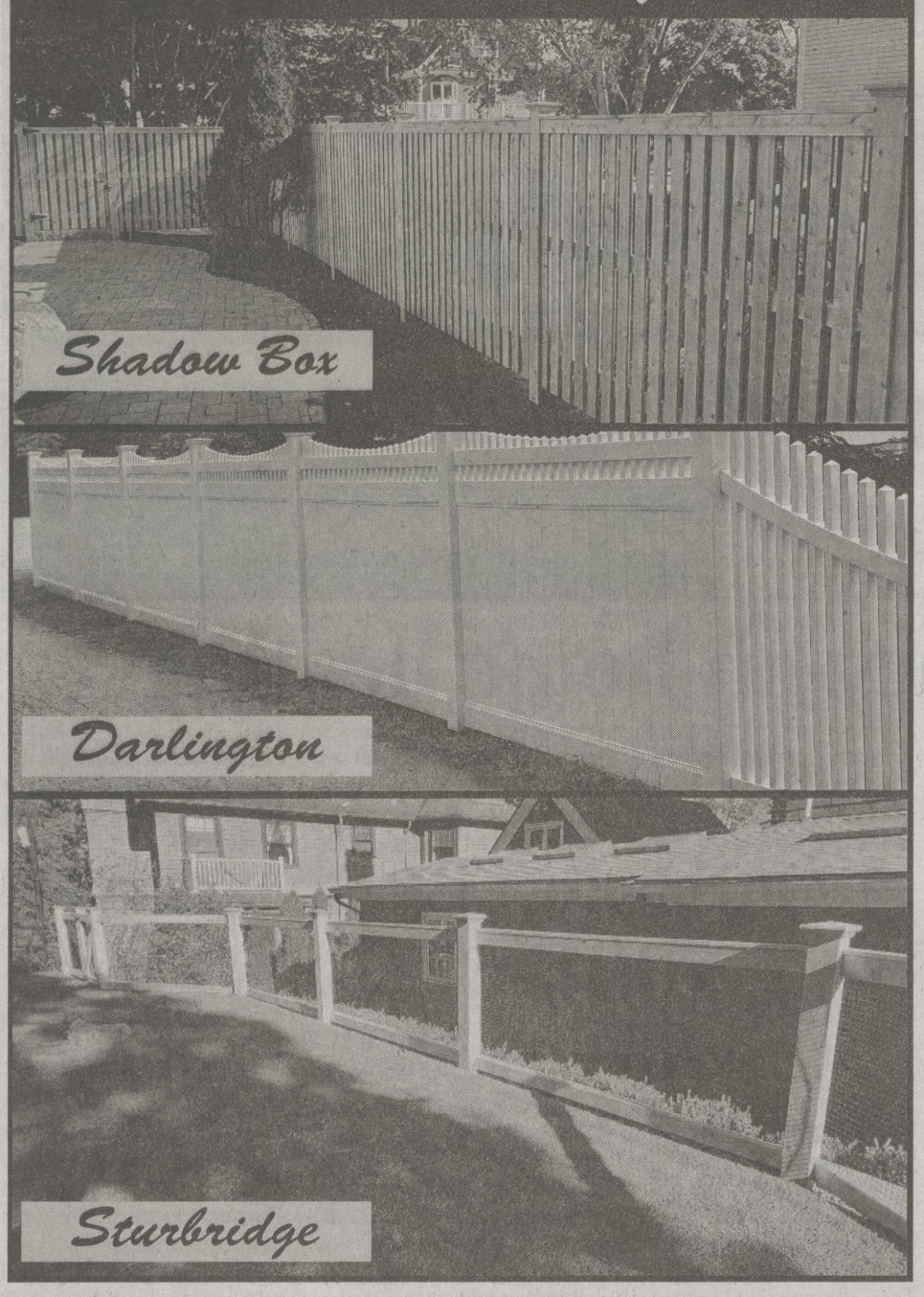

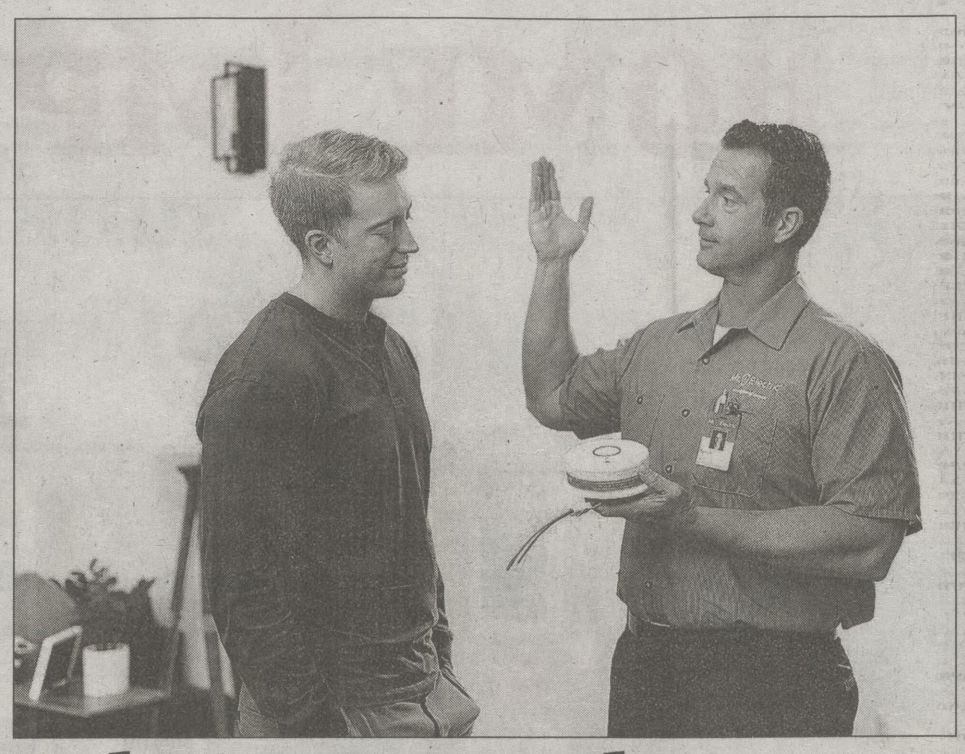

What you need to know about electrical safety in your home

(BPT) - The fall and winter months bring many challenges to homeowners. Temperature changes and storms can overload the power grid and interrupt your electrical service, but did you know how you use electricity at home daily can also cause overloaded circuits?

For the fall and winter seasons, the professional electricians at Mr. Electric, a Neighborly Company, share tips to help you and your family stay prepared, warm and safe throughout the colder seasons.

Preventing dangerous circuit overloads

It's probably happened to you: You're running the dishwasher, then use the microwave, and suddenly, you're in the dark. It may not be a big deal if you have a modern circuit breaker - you just go to your electrical panel and flip the tripped circuit breaker back on. But that's not the whole story.

Overloading an electrical circuit by using too many appliances on one circuit is common but can cause problems. If it happens frequently, it could mean your system can't keep up with your home's electrical demands. Potential hazards caused by overloaded circuits may include fires, fried wiring, destroyed devices, and electrical shocks.

The best way to ensure your electrical system can handle your home's current demands is by having a professional, trained electrician conduct a Home Safety Check. When Mr. Electric does a Home Safety Check, they conduct a thorough exam of your electrical system to make sure electrical wires, systems and components meet legal safety standards using the National Electrical Code (NEC) as their primary guideline. This is important for the safety of your home and everyone in it and will offer you peace of mind.

After completing a Home Safety Check, your Mr. Electric service professional will provide a detailed, prioritized checklist of areas needing immediate attention, plus recommendations for improvements and potential upgrades.

Weathering any storm

Being prepared for severe wintry weather involves many preparations. You can start by keeping up with the latest weather forecasts in your area, checking and restocking your home's emergency kit, and reviewing your family's emergency plans. You'll also want to check your property's exterior to ensure your roof, windows, and nearby trees are in good shape before storms bring wind, rain, snow, or other weather-related issues your way.

An electrical Home Safety Check can help determine how prepared your system is for potential severe weather during the winter months. One of the most common-and potentially most dangerous-aspects of these storms can be power outages due to high winds, fallen tree limbs, ice storms, and more. While a short-term power outage is inconvenient, it doesn't take long for a nuisance to turn into a serious situation, especially when temperatures are frigid.

A whole-house generator can be a lifesaver to help protect your home from power outages no matter the season. Whenever the power goes out, a whole-house generator provides all the power needed to maintain your electricity, keeping your household safe, warm, and functioning through any storm.

The next question is, what type and size generator is best for your home? To help you determine the right generator for your home's needs, you may want to consult a Mr. Electric service professional. They can help determine the wattage required for all your appliances so you're not underestimating or overestimating the size of the generator needed. Getting the best fit for your home is important for safety, and can save money in the long run. A professional electrician can also ensure your generator is properly maintained for years to come.

After the storm

Following severe weather, schedule an electrical safety inspection to ease your mind about potential unseen issues. Always ask a professional before trying to fix or operate storm-damaged electrical devices.

Another way to protect your home from the consequences of outages is with a whole house surge protector. During a power outage, the loss of power is later followed by a sudden surge when power is restored - which is enough to overload your home's electrical system. Without a whole house surge protector, your electronics can get fried, including everything from your TV and microwave to large appliances. A whole house surge protector helps protect all your electronics and appliances.

Weather is unpredictable, and being unprepared for severe weather can be serious. Take steps now to be better prepared when severe weather strikes. Mr. Electric has the experience and expertise to help prepare your home to keep your family safe, so visit MrElectric.com/prepared to find a trained, experienced electrician near you.

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OBITUARIES

Charlotte Ann Guthrie

Opened 'Cakes by Charlie' bakery

Charlotte Ann Guthrie, age 76, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away on Nov. 13, 2024, at the Winchester Hospital following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Charlotte was born on May 4, 1948, in Cambridge; she was the cherished only child to the late Charles and Helen (Theriault) Guthrie. Charlotte was raised and educated in Wilmington where she made many life-long friends.

Charlotte graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1966, and she loved to organize their Class Reunions throughout the years.

As a young girl, Charlotte started a little job at Anderson's Bakery in North Wilmington where she learned how to make desserts, bake cakes, and customer service skills. Charlotte then took a job at Pool's Bakery in Wilmington Center and her career took off from there.

Charlotte was a self-taught cake decorator; she had endless talent and an incredible knack for creating beautiful cakes for all occasions. Charlotte soon opened her own bakery, "Cakes by Charlie." Word spread quickly throughout town and her journey as an excellent baker and decorator began.

Throughout the years, Charlotte made countless weddings, birthdays, christening, and special occasion cakes for family, friends, or complete strangers. She made every cake special and unique for the occasion, that along with her friendly and endearing personality made her business quite a success for many years.

When not decorating herself, Charlotte would share her skills and teach classes on decorating cakes to her many students through the years.

Charlotte also spent many years working at the Sweetheart Plastics Company in Wilmington where she started in the warehouse packing boxes and through much hard work and willingness to learn she made her way through every department until she took a position as the secretary to the executive vice president of the company. Charlotte was very proud of her accomplishments and she made many dear friends along the way.

Charlotte was a woman of great faith and an active communicant at St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Wilmington for many years. Charlotte was partial to the Blessed Mother and enjoyed praying the daily rosary.

In her spare time, Charlotte loved to watch old fashioned Westerns, listen to Perry Como, or head out to dinner with family and friends.

Charlotte was extremely intelligent and could converse on many subjects; she was well read and could often be found in her favorite chair with a good book in her hand.

Charlotte's family was the center of her universe; she was a wonderful daughter to her parents, and a devoted mother to her son Charlie who was the apple of her eye.

Charlotte enjoyed her role as Grammy to Jennifer and Crystal, as well as her son's goddaughter Sandra, and had a special bond with her daughter-in-law Shirley who she worked with for several years.

Charlotte will be fondly remembered as a wonderful lady; she was very kind and sociable towards everyone she met. Charlotte loved people! She also enjoyed spending weekends with Charlie whether it was out to breakfast on Saturday mornings followed by shopping or out to dinner with the grandkids and her best friends; she always had a great time.

When Charlotte was diagnosed with cancer, she faced it head on and she fought the good fight, never losing faith. Charlotte was an inspiration to so many people; she will forever be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Charlotte is survived by her loving son Charles "Charlie" Guthrie of North Billerica, she was a special "Grammy" to Jennifer Randall and Crystal Cunningham, beloved mother-in-law to Shirley Guthrie.

Charlotte is also survived by her dear friend who is "like a sister" Jeryl Danielli of Cornish, NH, as well as many wonderful and close friends.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 4 - 7 p.m. All are welcome to gather at the Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Charlotte's memory may be made to The Bing Center for Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia, c/o Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Mayer 548, Boston, MA 02215.

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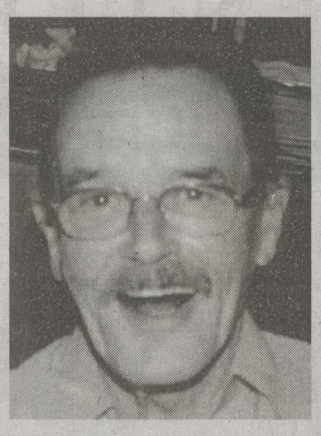
William F. Kelleher

Self-employed truck driver



William F. Kelleher, 83 of Woburn died Wednesday Nov. 13, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington.

Born in Cambridge, July 15, 1941 he was the son of the late Thomas and Ruth (Wells) Kelleher.

Bill was raised in Cambridge, He was a graduate of Cambridge High School. He was a retired self-employed truck driver.

He was the beloved husband of the late Ella M. (Foley). He was the loving father of Kelley Rogers and her husband Joseph of Wilmington, Susan Forsyth and her husband Donald of Milford, NH, Michael Kelleher and his wife Sherry of Denver, NC, and Kristen Roberts and her husband Stephen of Pepperell.

He was the brother of Thomas Kelleher, John Kelleher, and Barbara David.

He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 851 Main St, Woburn on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 10am. Visitation for relatives and friends was held at the McDonald-Finnegan Funeral Home on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Governor Healey signs breast cancer screening bill

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey signed An Act Relative to Medically Necessary Breast Screenings and Exams for Equity and Early Detection. This comprehensive legislation will ensure that patients have access to follow-up breast cancer screenings and exams, while also preventing any increase in patient cost-sharing by 2026.

"We know that early detection of breast cancer saves lives. This legislation will help ensure that cost is not a barrier for women to get the screenings and care they need," said Governor Healey. "I'm grateful to the Legislature for their leadership on this bill, and to the patients, providers and advocates who made their voices heard in support of more affordable and accessible care for Massachusetts residents."

"Preventative care is essential. It helps save countless of lives and now, because of this legislation, patients across Massachusetts will have access to the necessary care they need at a lower cost," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We know that this legislation will improve cancer outcomes for so many people across the state."

This legislation would, starting in 2026, require insurers to cover diagnostic exams for breast cancer, digital breast tomosynthesis screening, and medically necessary and appropriate screening with breast MRIs and ultrasounds. This legislation would also prevent any increase in patient cost-sharing, thus removing cost barriers for patients who need more rigorous screenings due to dense breast tissue or abnormalities seen in their initial preventive screening mammograms.

"Today we tear down a barrier to accessing breast cancer screenings and empower our residents to stay ahead of a cancer that takes far too many lives," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I am grateful to Governor Healey for her signature, Senator Lovely and Senator Rush for their leadership, our partners in the House, and every advocate who has used the power of their voice to get this issue across the finish line."

"Ensuring that all residents in Massachusetts have access to early detection treatments for breast cancer, regardless of income, is a critical facet of catching cancer early and saving lives. That's why I'm incredibly proud of this legislation, as it will help to prevent vulnerable residents from being denied the care that they need," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Governor Healey for signing this bill into law, along with my colleagues in the Legislature for working hard to move this critical bill through the legislative process."

"We know that in the fight against cancer, early detection is absolutely vital for the long-term success of the patients. We also know that for one out of every ten women, initial mammogram screenings are not sufficient to detect possible indicators of breast cancer. This legislation signed into law by Governor Healey today ensures that all women in the Commonwealth have access to the digital breast tomosynthesis and MRI screening they need to catch cancer early, without facing financial barriers. I'm grateful to the Governor, Senator Lovely and Chairman Murphy, and Division Leader Balser for championing this issue with me, and to my legislative colleagues, particularly President Spilka and Speaker Mariano for their support. Finally, I thank the dozens of advocates and patients who shared their stories and pushed tirelessly to support women in the fight against breast cancer," said Senator Mike Rush (D-West Roxbury).

"This bill will save lives," said Representative James Murphy (D-Weymouth). "Breast cancer is a major cause of cancer related deaths among women and everything must be done to change this. This groundbreaking legislation will provide life saving health care for women throughout our Commonwealth."

"Today is the culmination of work I have done for nearly a decade to ensure that all women have access to necessary, and possibly life-saving, breast cancer screenings," said Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem). "Early detection of breast cancer saves lives. This legislation makes those diagnostic exams used for early detection accessible and affordable, giving women the vital resources needed to catch breast cancer in its earliest stages. Thank you to Governor Healey for signing this bill into law and bolstering the Commonwealth's commitment to providing higher quality, more equitable, and more accessible healthcare for women."

"This legislation will ensure that women have access to essential breast cancer screenings and diagnostic evaluations by eliminating significant financial barriers. Once again, Massachusetts has stepped up to ensure that women's health care needs are met," said Representative Ruth Balser (D-Newton).

Tarr amendment clears way for environmental restoration

BOSTON — An essential amendment, proposed by Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) which was adopted in the Senate's original Climate Energy Bill (S.2829), has been included in the final language of the Conference Committee Report (S.2967) for the bill, which was recently accepted by the Senate on Oct. 24, 2024.

Tarr's amendment is a crucial step toward streamlining the permitting process for ecological restoration projects, ensuring the timely progress of initiatives like the Great Marsh Restoration in Rowley.

The amendment aligns orders issued pursuant to the Coastal Wetlands Restriction Acts with the existing Wetlands Protection Act for ecological restoration projects, preventing the need for time-consuming administrative procedures for projects that are beneficial to the environment and effects at least 50 projects across the state.

As an example, without this amendment, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would face a complex and prolonged process for Phase III of the Great Marsh Restoration Project, covering approximately 1,000 acres in Rowley.

"This amendment addresses a critical issue that would otherwise result in years of delay, excessive cost, and administrative burden for a project vital to our state's environmental health and climate resilience," said Tarr. "By making this process more efficient, we mark significant progress in supporting restoration efforts that protect and restore our invaluable natural resources."

Without this streamlined provision, DEP would need to amend the wetlands restriction order for the Great Marsh Restoration Project. This would require notifying numerous landowners across Rowley by certified mail, followed by extensive public hearings — a process that could take years to complete due to the complexities of locating and verifying records for potentially hundreds of parcels.

Other affected communities include Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, and Salisbury.

"This amendment prevents unnecessary delays and ensures that projects aimed at restoring and preserving critical ecosystems can proceed without procedural obstacles," Tarr added. "The Great Marsh is a natural treasure, and this measure ensures that we can restore and protect it more efficiently."

The Climate Energy Bill has been enacted by the House and Senate and now awaits action by the governor.

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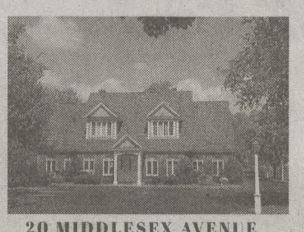
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How to avoid 'Brown Friday' and other plumbing disasters

(BPT) - In case you've never heard of it, "Brown Friday" is as famous as Black Friday - at least in plumbing circles. The name refers to the brown sludge that builds up in kitchen sinks following major holidays like Thanksgiving. Large gatherings mean more cooking and cleanup, which causes grease and food waste to accumulate inside your pipes and clog your garbage disposal, leading to slow drainage or blockages that put a damper on your festivities - making Brown Friday the busiest day of the year for professional plumbers.

To help you prevent or cope with common plumbing problems over the holidays, the experts from Mr. Rooter® Plumbing, a Neighborly company, offer tips and tricks for keeping your plumbing in good working order.

Careful cleanup

Whether you're prepping vegetables for the big meal or cleaning plates afterward, be mindful of what you're putting down the drain. Even the best-working garbage disposal is no match for the food and grease a typical Thanksgiving dinner can dish up.

Try these tactics:

* Peel and scrape veggies into the trash instead of your sink to keep your pipes and disposal from getting clogged.

* Let grease cool, then wipe out with paper towels and discard instead of pouring it down the drain. Fats congeal when cold, combining with debris to create clogs.

* Scrape dirty plates into the trash to keep bones, food scraps and fatty deposits out of your plumbing.

Coping with a clog

If you end up with a clogged sink, take these steps first:

* Use hot water, then soap and a plunger: Sometimes clogs soften with hot water enough to be dislodged with a little dish soap and a plunger.

* Reset your garbage disposal: A button or switch on the side or bottom of your disposal can reset it.

* Baking soda and vinegar: Pour one cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by one cup of distilled vinegar, and cover the drain with a stopper. Cover for 30 minutes, and then run hot water to see if the clog clears.

If these efforts don't work, the issue may best be handled by a professional plumber, like those at Mr. Rooter Plumbing, to avoid damage to your pipes.

Be proactive when hosting an event

To keep your system from overloading, ask houseguests to give your shower or bath a rest for 10 minutes or so between uses.

It's also best to remind guests that some things - like wipes (even those that may claim to be "flushable") - shouldn't be flushed down a toilet, as they can create clogs.

If your home's plumbing is on a septic system, ensure everyone is fully informed about what's acceptable to put into the system and what is not. A quick reminder: Wipes, just like with regular toilets, don't go in a septic system; neither do cigarette butts, diapers, feminine hygiene products, food scraps, pet feces or litter, latex products, paper towels and tissues.

Be prepared for freezing temperatures

Another issue that crops up this time of year is when temperatures plummet, leaving pipes vulnerable to freezing. Frozen pipes can create inconvenient and costly problems, especially when they burst and cause water damage in your home.

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Building the right deck or porch for you involves listening carefully, identifying key wants and needs, considering the configuration of the house and the land, some artistry, construction sense, the right materials, and solid workmanship. As Dawn and Mark in Lowell wrote: "Thanks for all the creative ideas on design and for your cooperation incorporating our ideas into the plan. We love our deck and feel very lucky to have such a beautiful one! Your team is a class act - always on time and working neat, always cleaning up, just like you promised. We've enjoyed our exchanges of ideas. We know who we can call for future carpentry work."

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Healey-Driscoll Admin announces more than $38M in student loan repayments

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (MLCHC) have launched the next rounds of the MA Repay program, making another $38 million available to support health care professionals serving critical populations, including MassHealth members and uninsured individuals.

Applications opened today for these next two rounds of the MA Repay Program: the MassHealth Behavioral Health Student Loan Repayment Program and the MassHealth Primary Care Student Loan Repayment Program. These initiatives are targeted to improve access to behavioral health care and primary care services by recruiting and retaining health care professionals in community-based settings.

"Massachusetts is taking significant steps to strengthen our health care workforce, investing an additional $38 million in our health and human services student loan repayment programs to help our primary care and behavioral health providers continue providing high-quality care to our communities," said Governor Maura Healey. "Together with our partners at the League, we're building a healthier future for Massachusetts residents."

"Our administration understands that to build a strong health care system, we need to support those who dedicate their careers to helping others. These programs represent a significant step forward in our efforts to attract and retain talented health care professionals, especially in underserved areas," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We are excited to see the positive impact these initiatives will have on both providers and the communities they serve."

The MassHealth Behavioral Health Student Loan Repayment Program focuses on behavioral health professionals serving Mass Health and uninsured patients, offering student loan repayment of up to $300,000 for eligible psychiatrists and nurse practitioners with prescribing privileges, up to $50,000 for Master's and Doctoral degree-level behavioral health professionals, and up to $30,000 for bachelor's degree-level behavioral health professionals. Participants must commit to four years of full-time service in a community-based setting, organization, or personal practice with a patient panel of at least 40 percent Mass Health members and/or uninsured patients.

The MassHealth Primary Care Student Loan Repayment Program is designed to support primary care providers serving MassHealth and uninsured patients and provides up to $100,000 for eligible primary care physicians and $50,000 for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants. Participants must commit to four years of full-time service in a community-based organization with a patient panel of at least 40 percent MassHealth members and/or uninsured patients.

"The MA Repay loan repayment program is a crucial part of making health equity a reality in Massachusetts," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh. "By supporting health care professionals in underserved communities through this investment, we are breaking down barriers to quality care for people who live in Massachusetts."

"By expanding student loan repayment programs, Massachusetts is reaffirming its commitment to health equity, ensuring that all communities — especially the historically underserved — have access to the care they deserve," said Assistant Secretary for MassHealth Mike Levine. "Together, we can create a healthier, more equitable future."

Applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria will be prioritized to receive an award for both programs:

Applicant can communicate with patients and provide care in a language other than English, and that skill matches the needs of the site where the applicant works.

Applicant has demonstrated a commitment to providing clinical care to historically underserved patients.

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Applicant works in an Advancing Health Equity in Massachusetts (AHEM) town.

Building on initial successes of the MA Repay Program, these new initiatives deepen the impact of EOHHS's ongoing efforts, which have distributed over $60 million in student loan repayment awards from both state and federal funding sources as of November 2024. These initiatives are part of a broader strategy to enhance access to quality health care for underserved populations and underscore Massachusetts' commitment to closing gaps in care by recruiting culturally competent health care professionals and addressing long-standing provider shortages.

"Our health care system is only as strong as the workforce supporting it," said Michael Curry, President and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. "Supporting our health care workforce in this way is a bold step towards ensuring we have providers in place to move the needle on health equity, support underserved communities, and create a lasting impact on the well-being of our most vulnerable populations. By reducing the financial burden on health care professionals, we're not only investing in their future but also ensuring that communities across the state have access to the high-quality care they deserve."

The application for these programs opened on Nov. 14, 2024, and closes on Dec. 12, 2024. Interested candidates can find more information and apply through the designated portal available at *marepay.org*.

For more details, visit *marepay.org* or call 888-201-0583.

Upcoming local events

November 21, 22, 23, Footloose — The Musical. Tewksbury Memorial High School. Tickets are $10 and are on sale now at *www.cur8.com*. It is extremely encouraged to purchase your tickets ahead of time! Ticket sales at the door may be limited.

December 6, Tewksbury Hospital Craft Fair, Saunders Building Events Room, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All are welcome! Food trucks, raffles.

December 6, Town Tree Lighting, Tewksbury, 5 - 7 p.m., Town Common. Hot cocoa, ice sculpture selfies, balloons, marshmallow roast. Bring an unwrapped toy for a child in need.

December 7, Tewksbury Holiday Luncheon for Veterans and Families, Tewksbury Senior Center. 1 p.m. catered meal. Please call by Dec. 4 to reserve a spot. Spaces are limited. 978-640-4485.

December 7, St. Williams Holiday Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Crafts and food.

December 7, Showing of Philadelphia, Tewksbury Public Library, 5:30 p.m. In partnership with the Public Health Museum, learn about the AIDS crisis. Discussion to follow. Free. Register at *tewksburypl.org*.

November 30-December 7, Tewksbury Restaurant Week — Visit *www.tewksbury-ma.gov/RestaurantWeek2024* for more details. Enjoy specials from the many Tewksbury restaurants and food establishments. From cakes to cocktails, dinners and quick take out — find your fix in the 01876!

The Friends of the Tewksbury Public library Countdown to Christmas Mystery Gift Card Raffle. A $5 raffle ticket for the chance to win a $10 or greater gift card every day before Christmas, Dec. 1 - Dec. 24. Purchase at least two raffle tickets and you will have the chance to win the bonus raffle of a $100 gift card to Cafe Sicilia. Raffle tickets may be bought online at the Friends website or on select days at Tewksbury Public Library.

Thanksgiving to New Year's — Tewksbury Open Space Winter Tree Walk — visit Tewksbury Open Space lands at Pinnacle, Rogers, and Chandler Well Fields to discover decorations by local nonprofits. Trail maps at *tewksbury-ma.gov/openspace* and recreation plan committee

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Alternative House Wishlist for the Holidays — There's No Excuse for Abuse — Notebooks, laundry items, arts and crafts supplies, new pillows, diapers and wipes, twin sheets, twin comforters. *Alternative-house.org*

Mother and Child Holiday Gathering for Lowell, Tewksbury, Wilmington — Help supply small gifts for young parents and much needed clothing for their babies. Purchase items off our Amazon wishlist to help build ~75 parent bags — a volunteer team of elves will assemble the bags once items have arrived! You can see what items are needed by visiting *https://shorturl.at/sOK9R*

Tewksbury to host 'Restaurant Week'

TEWKSBURY — The Town of Tewksbury will be launching a social media campaign to highlight restaurants in town starting Saturday, Nov. 30 and running through Saturday, Dec. 7.

This first-ever 'restaurant week' is an opportunity to highlight establishments, show off specials and meal deals, and promote area restaurants as we get closer to the holiday season.

Participating establishments include:

- 3 Amigos Bar & Grill
- Al Fresca Ristorante
- Al Maidah Indian Restaurant
- Angelina's Italian Restaurant
- Aroma Joe's
- Brelundi
- Brother's Sports Bar and Grille
- Dunkin' Donuts (participating locations)
- Edible Arrangements
- Firewater Tavern at Wamesit Lanes
- Giovanni's Roast Beef & Pizza
- Harrows Chicken Pies
- JT Cakes
- Lisa's Family Pizzeria
- Luna Rossa
- Mac's Dairy Farm
- Mexica Burrito Grill
- Origin Thai Bistro
- Pera Grill
- Pizza Mia
- Sal's at Haffner's
- The Pushcart Café
- TJ Callahan's Pub
- Tree House Brewing Company
- Wicked Cheesy Pizza

The Wilmington/Tewksbury and Greater Lowell Chambers of Commerce are partnering with the town in this effort and will be sharing across their social media accounts to help spread the word.

Restaurant features will be posted on the town's pages starting Nov. 30:

Website: *https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov*

Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/TownofTewksburyMA (@TownofTewksbury)*

Twitter/X: *https://www.x.com/townoftewksbury (@TownofTewksbury)*

More details and restaurant specials are to be released.

If you would like more information about this topic, please email Alexandra Lowder at *alowder@tewksbury-ma.gov*

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P5634EA

Estate of: Mary L. Bliss
Also Known As
Mary Lucille Bliss
Date of Death: September 4, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cynthia Bliss** of **Tewksbury, MA**

Cynthia Bliss of **Tewksbury, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on Thursday, **December 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed removal is a request from National Grid to remove the trees.

The location of the town tree affected is (2) Pines and (1) Oak at 175 Pine Street.

Objections can be made in writing at the time of the hearing or sent to the attention of the Tree Warden at the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 prior to the hearing.

Kevin Hardiman, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Tree Warden

241220 11/21, 27/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Stephen Wright, 685 Main Street LLC, 24 Mill Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, applicant. Owners are as follows: 685 Main Street LLC, 24 Mill Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, U-Haul Real Estate Company, 2721 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, and Brown House Realty Trust, Patricia Kenney & June Spencer, Trustees, 677 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. This filing is for site improvements, after-the-fact septic system and retaining wall installation, rooftop infiltration, Buffer Zone restoration, floodplain alteration, compensatory storage, grading, and associated utilities. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Riverfront Area, and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. These properties are located at 685, 687, & 681 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, and shown on the Assessor's Map 39 Parcels 11, 11A, & 12. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P5987EA

Estate of:
Josephine Rose Cokash
Also known as:
Josephine R. Cokash
Date of Death: 10/11/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Catherine A Nikodemos** of **Wilmington MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Catherine A Nikodemos** of **Wilmington MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/11/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 13, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P5985EA

Estate of:
Laura A Holcomb Donnelly
Also known as:
Laura A. Holcomb-Donnelly

Date of Death: 02/21/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Brian T Donnelly** of **Tewksbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Brian T Donnelly** of **Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/11/2024.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 13, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P1925EA

Estate of:
Barbara L McCloskey
Date of Death: 03/13/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Robert D. Heaney** of **Clermont FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Robert D. Heaney** of **Clermont FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 05, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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▲ Shawsheen Superintendent Tony McIntosh congratulates Katherine Craven on receiving the inaugural Charles H. "Charlie" Lyons Award for her exceptional advocacy of vocational education in Massachusetts.
(Photo: Allison Cammarata)

▲ Superintendent James Brosnan presents Katherine Craven, Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Education, with the inaugural Charles H. "Charlie" Lyons Award.
(Photo: Allison Cammarata)

▲ In her acceptance speech, Katherine Craven shared a heartfelt message from the late Charlie Lyons with MAVA members, honoring his legacy.
(Photo: Allison Cammarata)

Shawsheen honors legacy of late superintendent Charlie Lyons

MARLBOROUGH — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly celebrated the legacy of its late superintendent, Charlie Lyons, at the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) fall meeting. To honor his lifelong dedication to vocational education, MAVA established the Charles H. "Charlie" Lyons Award, created to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding advocacy for vocational technical education in Massachusetts.

Charlie Lyons served as superintendent at Shawsheen Tech from 1987 until his retirement in 2015, devoting his career to advancing vocational education across the state. A former MAVA President in 1996, Lyons continued as a vital and influential member of the MAVA Board of Directors from 1988 until his passing.

In 2016, he received MAVA's Dr. David F. Cronin Award, the organization's highest honor. Lyons' legacy at Shawsheen reflects his strategic approach to municipal finance, establishing a sustainable budget and securing long-term benefits for staff, including comprehensive health insurance and competitive salaries. Scholarships created in his name continue to support Shawsheen students, underscoring his commitment to their success.

Under Lyons' leadership, Shawsheen excelled in academics, cooperative education, and athletics. He positioned the school as a leader in co-op placements, where it still ranks a top school in the state. His dedication to upgrading athletic facilities and enhancing academic standards continues to positively impact students and faculty.

Reflecting on Lyons' contributions, Superintendent Tony McIntosh shared, "I hope to continue Charlie's legacy by keeping students and essential programs at the forefront of our work and by sustaining a healthy budget."

McIntosh, who was mentored by Lyons through the MAVA Leadership II program, added, "Charlie was a legend in vocational education, and the creation of this award in his name is a fitting tribute."

The inaugural recipient of the Charles H. "Charlie" Lyons Award was presented to Katherine Craven, Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, for her steadfast commitment to vocational education. MAVA's Executive Director, Steven Sharek, introduced the award, and it was presented by Lyon's longtime colleague James Brosnan, Superintendent of McCann Technical High School.

Craven, the current Chief Administrative Officer at Babson College, one of the nation's top business schools, has an extensive career in public service. Her past roles include Budget Director and Policy Advisor for the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Executive Director of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and First Deputy Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, December 7, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Wilmington High School
Joanne M. Benton Auditorium
159 Church Street

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, DECEMBER 11TH, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE # 13-24
6 CANAL STREET
MAP 31 PARCEL 7

APPLICANT:
CHAD LACROSSE,
REPRESENTING
JONATHAN & JENNIFER CONTRADA

REQUEST: SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ABOVE GROUND POOL IN THE FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT 6..2.6

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-19, Stormwater Management Permit #24-18, Section 6.6.7.7 Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-09, and Sign Special Permit #24-06, plan entitled, "Site Plan, Wilmington Retail Management, LLC, Proposed Multi-Tenant Development"; dated August 30, 2022, last revised September 20, 2024, prepared by Joshua H. Kline, P.E., Stonefield Engineering & Design, 120 Washington Street, Salem, MA 01970. The application is for the amendment to the approved site plan to reconfigure the parking area to allow for a drive-up ATM, and for the allowance of signage that exceeds the Wilmington Zoning Bylaws. Said property is located at 208 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 44 Parcels 178B & 178C.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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RMLD expands residential rebate offerings to include load management devices

READING — To promote electrification and reduce net carbon emissions, RMLD is pleased to offer a rebate to residential customers who purchase a Load Management Device and install the device at their residence within RMLD's service territory.

The rebate amount will be up to 50 percent of the total installed (labor and materials) costs excluding tax not to exceed $1,200 with a limit of one rebate per customer every five years.

"Load management will be a key tool in achieving our non-carbon goals. We are excited to expand our rebate offering to include these important devices," said Gregory Phipps, RMLD general manager. "RMLD will continue to explore and offer innovative load management practices and incentives that benefit our customers as we work to keep rates low."

RMLD is thrilled to add another incentive for customers to join in the effort to increase electrification and to proactively manage and reduce our load to keep rates low. This added incentive is part of RMLD ongoing efforts to streamline and focus our rebate program while continuing to offer our customers electrification incentives.

For full details and to apply for this new rebate, please visit *www.rmld.com/rebates*.

RMLD will continue to evolve our rebate program now through the end of 2024 and into 2025.

Visit *www.rmld.com* for updates and changes.

Massachusetts drought alert — level 3

WILMINGTON — The Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Teepper has declared a Level 3 Drought Status for the Northeast Region. Please see the Massachusetts Drought Alert bulletin below.

Here is some guidance for residents and businesses in Level 3 — Critical Drought:

• Minimize overall water use

• Follow local water use restrictions (residents are reminded that the Town of Wilmington has year round mandatory water use restrictions.)

• Fix any toilet or faucet leaks immediately

• Aggressively reduce indoor water use by taking shorter showers, running dishwashers and washing machines only on a full load

For additional information on the current drought and on water conservation, visit the Massachusetts Drought Management webpage (*https://www.mass.gov/guides/drought-management-in-massachusetts*).

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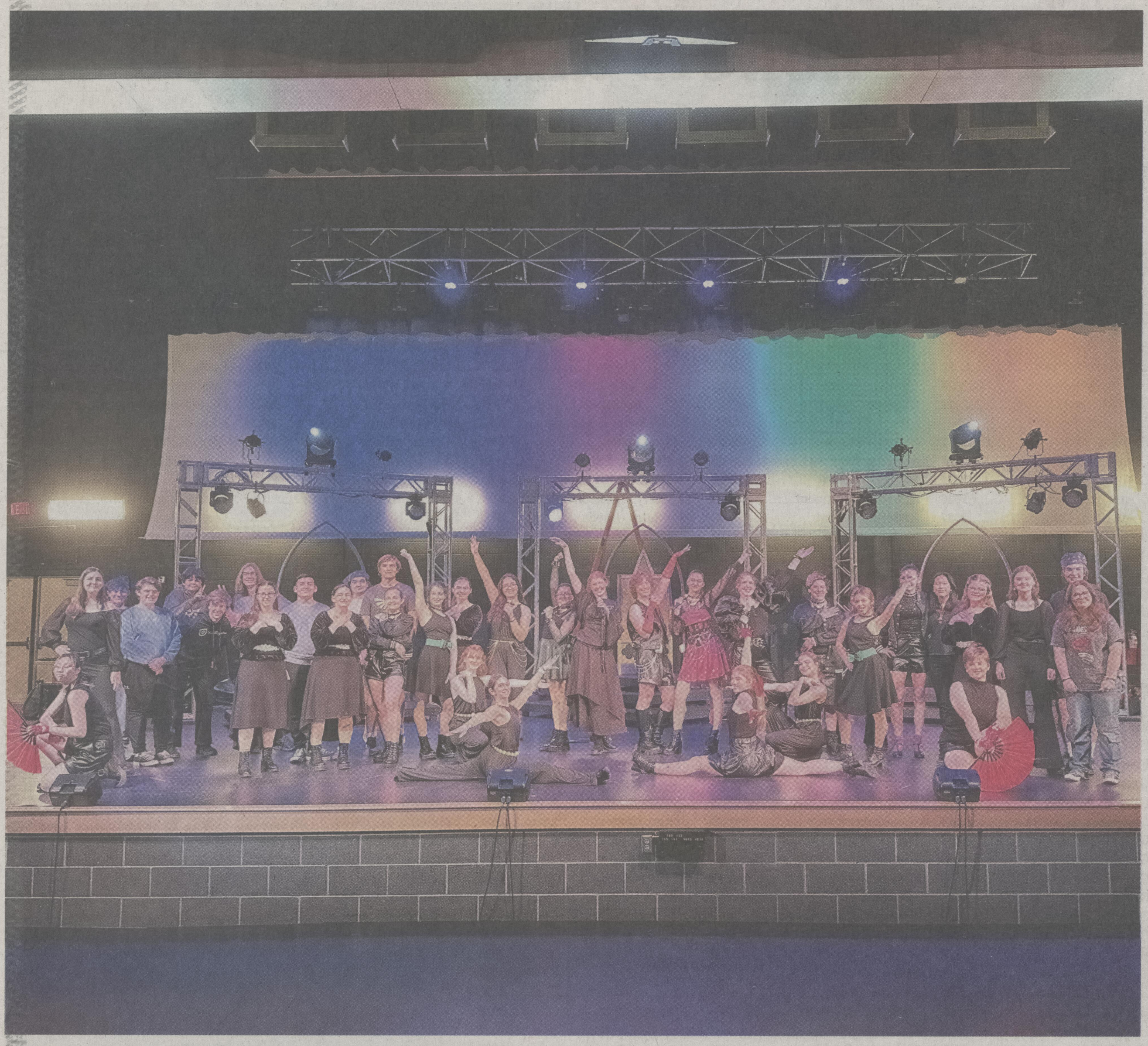

Wilmington HS presents SIX

▲ The cast of SIX rehearses for their production set to take place starting today at 6:30 p.m., followed by shows on Friday and Saturday at the same time (plus a 1 p.m. matinee show on Saturday). SIX is a musical production that tells the story of King Henry VIII's six wives. (Courtesy photo)

Select Board accepts earth removal permit

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ing taken through this construction. Newhouse explained that the property owner at 8 Commonwealth Ave. consented to an easement of part of their land in order to construct the turnaround. He said that this was done by the recommendation and request of the Wilmington Fire Department.

West described the timeline of original approval in 2022, which lapsed, and then reapproval obtained by the applicant through the Planning Board beginning in May of this year. Newhouse confirmed that this was the correct sequence of events.

West wondered if they sought ZBA approval. Newhouse answered that the project required two ZBA approvals along with the Planning Board's approval and 81G to get placed on the official map.

West then asked to confirm that the current street was a dead end but would be turned into a cul-de-sac. Newhouse said they were making an improved, paved cul-de-sac, but it was difficult to describe the current state of the end of the street.

A resident present in the audience asked about the septic system. Newhouse described that the planning department required a stormwater analysis, and retention areas would be placed on Commonwealth Ave, to which the owner of 8 Commonwealth Ave. had also consented.

The same resident wondered whether the land under the easement would continue to be owned by the owner of 8 Commonwealth Ave. Newhouse replied to say that the ownership of that area would continue to be under 8 Commonwealth Ave. However, the owner of 11 Commonwealth Ave., after the house is built and sold, would be responsible for the maintenance of the retention basins. In this regard, the town was a grantee of an easement for protection which enabled them to take action and recourse if 11 Commonwealth Ave. doesn't maintain the retention basins.

The board agreed to accept the permit, subject to the conditions set by the Planning Board and engineering department.

Select Board approves request to hold car wash

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for this amendment. Bendel replied that it would involve a warrant article at the spring Town Meeting, either proposed by the board or from residents.

A Historical Commission member in the audience explained that they were specifically asking the board to write the warrant in collaboration with town counsel and possibly using other towns' efforts as a basis. However, he said if the board preferred, the HC could take up the drafting effort.

Bendel said that he wasn't able to make a determination at this time, but they would welcome further discussion as Town Meeting came closer.

They approved a request from Lisa Cyr on behalf of the WHS Lacrosse Boosters to hold a fundraising car wash on May 18 at the 4th of July building. However, DePalma requested that the board discuss in the future the location of car washes, ideally holding them at the public safety building even once construction at the new town hall/school administration building ends.

In addition to asking for the total warrants, which Slagle said were over $10 million, resident Kevin MacDonald stated in public comment his request that the board put forth an article for Town Meeting related to senior housing and the MBTA overlay district.

The board members highlighted the Veterans' Day ceremonies as having phenomenal turnout and the Sons and Daughters of Italy's breakfast in announcements. West also announced that Troop 136 and Cub Scout Pack 136 would hold a Christmas card signing event at Mason Hall on Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to honor veterans and collect items for iPods for Wounded Veterans.

West asked whether the board members wanted to issue a statement on their recommendation for the special Town Meeting articles ahead of Dec. 7. Bendel recalled that the board has done so very infrequently, and he could see it setting a certain precedent if they did in this case. West suggested they add it to the agenda of their next meeting.

Caira requested an update from the town manager on the trash and recycling question from last meeting in new business. Slagle invited residents with incorrect barrel sizes to reach out to the DPW, as they should receive a regular size replacement barrel unless they displayed a hardship with the size.

The Salute to Service that night went out to all veterans who have served, not just those who are Wilmington residents, and the Wilmington Veterans Services Department employees.

DePalma lastly added a concern for fire danger.

The board will meet again on Monday Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

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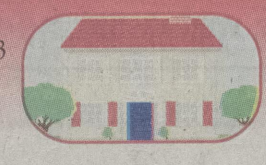

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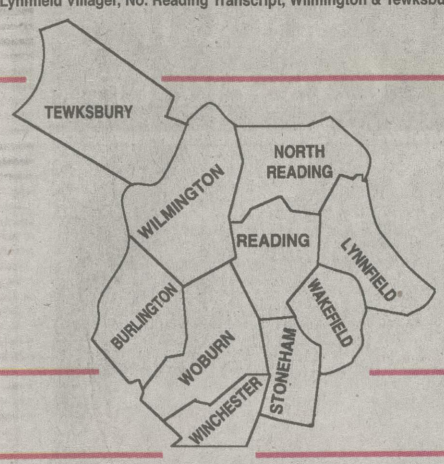

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Reading hits pause on downtown paid parking

By PATRICK BLAIS

Facing an outright parking rebellion from downtown merchants, town officials in Reading recently suspended a weeks-old paid parking program after learning about the effects of the long-studied initiative.

During two Select Board meeting in Reading Town Hall last month, a number of indignant Reading Center business owners claimed that the community's economic hub was transformed into a ghost town almost immediately after police began enforcing new paid parking rules.

Many of those speakers, who insisted the town poorly communicated the start of the pay-by-kiosk or pay-by-phone program in Reading Center's two largest municipal lots by Upper Haven Street and Brande Court, worried they would be forced to shutter their shops should the disastrous decline in sales activity persist.

"The rollout of this program has been a disaster," children's clothing shop proprietor Amy Collins insisted during a gathering in Town Hall in early October. "I ask this program be discontinued ... if not, there will be no need to turnover parking spots faster because there will be no small business left to shop or visit for a meal down here."

"If sales continue in this direction, I am not sure how much longer we can survive," later vented local florist Rachel O'Neil. "Summers are super quiet and we rely on September through December holiday sales to carry us through the slow months of winter. Please put a pause on this now."

By the Select Board's second discussion on the topic in mid-October, those same frustrated downtown merchants - told no public comment would be allowed before the town officials voted on the fate of the paid parking program - had grown desperate for help.

"I'm trying to survive!" yelled out one such audience member as Select Board member Karen Herrick insisted that any freeze to the metered parking regulations should be temporary.

"This is embarrassing! It's embarrassing. Let's pause it and get this down right," later bellowed another spectator, after some town officials acknowledged the kiosks were initially incorrectly programmed to accept payments on weekends and holidays.

Ultimately, the Select Board voted unanimously to power down until early next year the new parking kiosks, which the town procured thanks to a $110,000 appropriation from Town Meeting back in April of 2022.

The paid parking moratorium will remain in effect at a minimum until Jan. 15, 2015. And before asking for permission to turn those machines back on, Town Manager Matthew Kraunelis is being asked to first perform a series of tasks, including:

• Making sure trees and all other potential obstructions are no longer blocking the kiosks;

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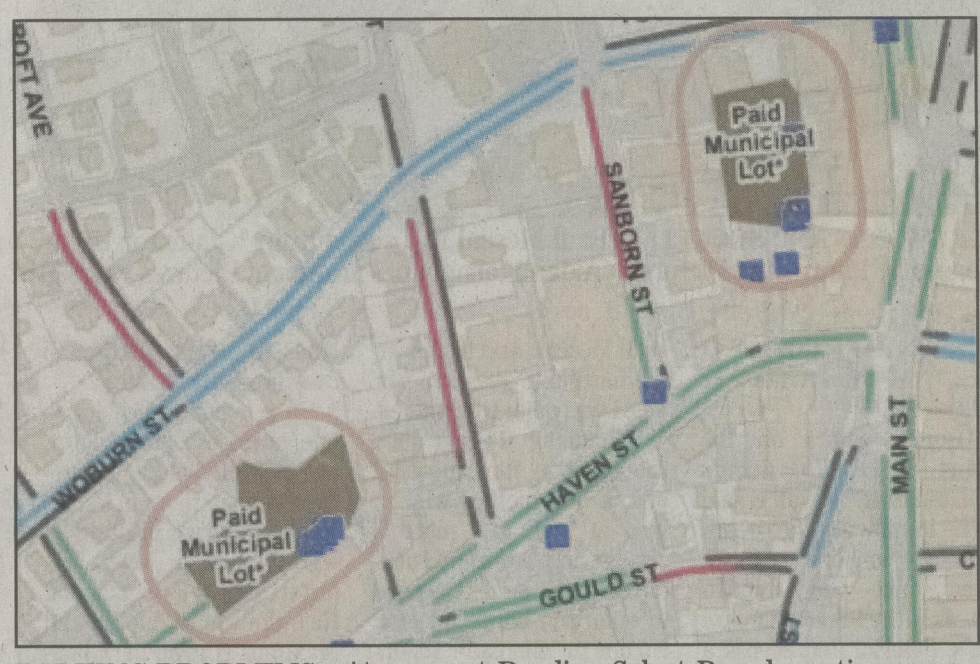

PARKING PROBLEMS - At a recent Reading Select Board meeting, many speakers insisted the town poorly communicated the start of the pay-by-kiosk or pay-by-phone program in Reading Center's two largest municipal lots by Upper Haven Street and Brande Court. (Courtesy Graphic)

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Gladiator II,' takes Paul Mescal to Coliseum arena

OF SWORDS AND SEQUELS - Paul Mescal in a scene from "Gladiator II" released by Paramount Pictures. (Aidan Monaghan/Paramount Pictures via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Rome teeters on the brink in Ridley Scott's "Gladiator II." Its fall is said to be imminent. The dream it once symbolized is dead. The once high-minded ideals of the Roman Empire have deteriorated across a venal land now ruled by a pale-faced emperor.

On the throne is Geta (Joseph Quinn), who sits alongside his sniveling brother, Caracalla (Fred Hechinger). The heart of this Rome, of course, is the Coliseum, where throngs cheer for the gladiators who fight and die. There, the ageless Scott remains remarkably at home. The arena, with its eruptions of spectacle and violence, is a stand in for the director's own vision of the big screen: Go big or go home.

This dichotomy — a fallen society and its insatiable need for entertainment — is the clever and not altogether flattering backdrop of the "Gladiator" films. Part two, set 20 years after the events of the first movie, brings a new combatant to the Coliseum — a mysterious outsider named Lucius Verus, played by Paul Mescal. And to answer the inevitable question, yes. Yes, I was quite entertained.

"Gladiator II" isn't quite the prestige film the first one, a best-picture winner, was in 2001. It's more a swaggering, sword-and-sandal epic that prizes the need to entertain above all else. No one in "Gladiator II" understands that more than Denzel Washington. His performance as the Machiavellian power broker Macrinus is a delicious blur of robes and grins – so compellingly over-the-top that he nearly reaches 1990s Al Pacino standards.

Inside this Rome are scattered interests in toppling it, including Marcus Acacius, a decorated general who has just returned from a successful campaign taking Numidia in northwest Africa. (That siege makes the movie's blistering opening, with an armada racing at almost NASCAR speed toward the walled city, with towers on the bows of the boats to scale the parapets.)

Acacius is a loyal Roman but, when he learns that the emperors have only more bloodlust for further territory and more war, he and his wife, Lucilla (Connie Nielsen) begin plotting to overthrow the brothers.

In a movie where everyone nurtures some secret, few stay hidden long. Foremost among them is Lucius Verus, a warrior in Numidia who's taken prisoner and forced to fight as a gladiator. He's the son of Lucilla and Maximus (Crowe in "Gladiator"). Following the events of that film, Lucilla sent him, an heir to the empire, to Numidia to grow up outside of the empire's power struggles.

Mescal, the terrific Irish actor of "Aftersun" and "All of Us Strangers," smoothly steps into a blockbuster arena for the first time. "This one is interesting," says Macrinus, eyeing him for the first time. Mescal's Lucius is vengeful — the Roman army kills his warrior wife in the Numidia battle. "Rage pours out of you like milk," Macrinus says, admiringly. The glint of mischief in Mescal's eyes gives Lucius a little more character than your average revenge-seeking gladiator.

We watch as Lucius cunningly survives arena after arena. Meanwhile, Macrinus manipulates him to steer the public's routing interest away from the emperor. It's a rich if slightly cartoonish tapestry of palace intrigue, with Macrinus deftly pulling all the strings.

But, really, none of the power machinations are as compelling as the increasingly carnivalesque scenes of the Coliseum. In the gladiators' first trip there, they're greeted by man-eating monkeys. Next, it's a rider atop a giant, charging rhinoceros. Then, the piece de resistance: a flooded Coliseum festering with sharks. There are even little mock islands with palm trees spread about.

Now, "Gladiator II" may not stand up to much inquiry from historians. (Some issues were also taken with Scott's last historical epic, "Napoleon," which likewise was scripted by David Scarpa). But this is not a movie built for accuracy. It's made for taking a few bits of history and inflating them into a feast and the charms of watching Washington's Macrinus brandish a head recently relieved of its body.

Yes, heads do roll in Scott's "Gladiator" sequel. Macrinus succeeds in whipping Rome into a frenzy. In fact, he does it so easily and guilefully that, once things begin unraveling for him, the air leaves "Gladiator II." You don't quite believe his recklessness after he so patiently and artfully turned the screws.

Nevertheless, two possible successors emerge – Lucius, who has a birthright to the throne, and Macrinus, who comes to within its grasp purely by his own wit.

Is it any wonder that I was rooting for Macrinus, all the way? How could you not, with Washington chewing scenery like this and making zestful (and rather apt) pronouncements like: "That, my friend, is politics!"

"Gladiator II," a Paramount Pictures release. is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "strong bloody violence." Running time: 148 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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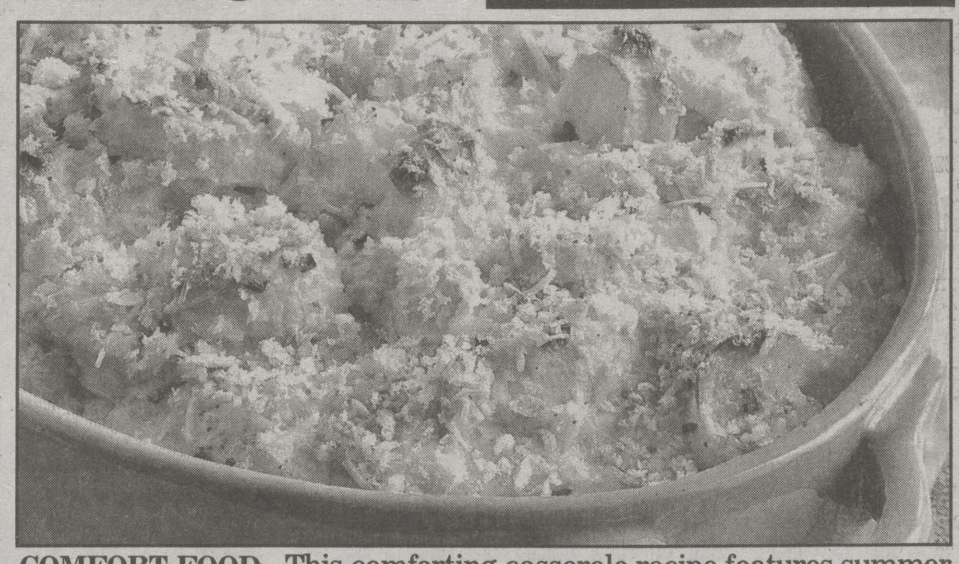
Two-Cheese Squash Casserole



COMFORT FOOD - This comforting casserole recipe features summer squash baked in a creamy two-cheese sauce – a winner side-dish on any menu.

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 3-quart casserole with cooking spray. In Dutch oven, heat 4 quarts (16 cups) water to boiling. Add squash and onion; cook uncovered 8 minutes or just until tender. Drain well.

2. In large bowl, stir together squash mixture, 1 cup of the bread crumbs, 3/4 cup of the Parmesan cheese, the sour cream, Cheddar cheese, chives, garlic salt, pepper and eggs. Spoon into casserole.

3. In small bowl, mix remaining 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese with melted butter. Sprinkle over squash mixture.

4. Bake uncovered 35 to 40 minutes or until set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 lb yellow summer squash, sliced
- 1 large sweet onion, finely chopped (1 cup)
- 2 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 1/4 cups freshly grated Parmesan cheese (5 oz)
- 1 container (8 oz) sour cream
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh chives
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

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• Ensuring that the kiosks are properly programmed to decline parking payments on weekends and holidays;

• Installing signage to let residents know that payments can be made both directly at the kiosk or via a "pay-by-phone" option that involves downloading a third-party app;

• Updating the machines so that payments can be made with American Express credit cards;

• and formulating an enforcement plan that includes a "grace period", when police personnel will issue warning tickets and spread awareness about the new metered parking rules before fining violators;

Fully vetted

Though this fall's rollout of the new regulations proved disastrous, town officials technically spent more than four years studying and carefully vetting a myriad of parking changes in Reading Center before instituting new paid parking regulations for the community's two largest municipal lots.

Specifically, back in Jan. of 2020, Boston-based Nelson Nygaard, a transit and transportation consulting firm that was retained by town officials a year earlier to study the reasons for the downtown parking congestion, first advised town officials to establish a metered parking program in the downtown area's municipal parking lots to encourage the turnover of those spaces.

In that report, Nelson Nygaard experts concluded Reading Center, which had 875 public spaces available to accommodate visitor, residents, and area workers, had plenty of parking to meet demand.

The problem, the consulting firm argued, was that the best parking spots - or those closest to shops and businesses - were being hogged by users who tended to leave their vehicles in the municipal lots all day.

Set to report their findings to the Select Board in March of 2020, the Nelson Nygaard review was ultimately derailed by the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, in the summer of 2021, the Select Board opted to restart the whole process by forming the Parking Advisory Recommendation Committee (PARC), a nine-person board that included town officials, various downtown merchants, and a handful of area residents.

Commissioning a downtown parking survey and hosting at least 10 public meetings, PARC's findings unsurprisingly mirrored many of conclusions reached in the Nelson Nygaard report.

In March of 2022, Reading's Select Board, at the urging of PARC members and former Town Manager Fidel Maltez, agreed to institute a paid parking regimen involving the use of the 191 premiere spots in the municipal lots behind CVS Pharmacy and at Brande Court by Haven Street.

Aimed at discouraging long-term use of those spaces, the new parking rules would allow visitors to park for free for the first hour, while a flat $1 per hour fee would be charged for the following three hours of use. However, the charges would climb to $5 per hour for users looking to remain in the municipal lots for longer than four hours.

To ensure that both downtown workers and commuters utilizing Reading Station's commuter rail station off of Lincoln Street also had a place to leave their vehicles, a series of other new parking regulations were also enacted. For example, local officials carved out 236 on-street parking spaces in the area for downtown workers, while resident parking zones were also designated in along public ways situated close to new apartment complexes.

Town Meeting also appropriated additional funding for the police department to make sure the local force was able to enforce those new regulations.

False starts

Perhaps leading to the latest confusion around the parking program changes, the town has several times announced the start of the paid parking experiment only to later step in and delay its rollout.

For example, back in the spring of 2023, former Reading Economic Development Director Ben Cares launched a public outreach campaign aimed at notifying businesses and residents about the start of the metered parking regimen by the following July - when violators would be issued warning tickets during a two-week grace period. A public hearing was then to be scheduled in August to work out any kinks with the program before stepping up enforcement.

However, in late September of 2023, town officials, after pushing off that start date and while waiting for its vendor to deliver the kiosks needed to for the program, announced they would be postponing the entire undertaking until Jan. of 2024.

With that January start date further delayed due to winter weather concerns and calls from town officials for another public awareness blitz, town officials last May unveiled plans to roll out the paid parking program the following June.

However, that timeline was again derailed until late September.

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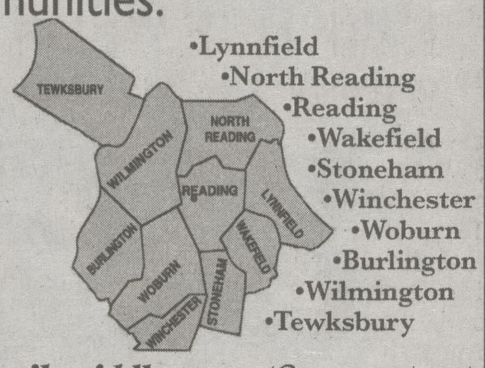

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22 Cedar St was sold to Simas, Michelle C and Simas, Stephen C by Cheung, Christopher K for $705,000 on 11/01/24

38 Freeport Dr was sold to Sheng-Ho, Shawna A by 38 Freeport LLC for $725,000 on 10/24/24

32 Glen Ave was sold to Morrison, Charles W by Bilimoria, Ahmedbashir I and Bilimoria, Shahidabibi A for $925,500 on 10/31/24

7 Hallmark Gdns #8 was sold to Welch, Norma H by Modi, Pooja I for $386,000 on 11/01/24

8 Highland Way was sold to Salamone Benedetto L Est and Salamone, Christopher by Derosby, Mona and Derosby, John for $750,000 on 10/25/24

8 Oak St was sold to Carroll, Nicole J, Beek Anne Shirley Est, and May, Karen A by Sorenson, James M for $500,000 on 11/01/24

25 Prouty Rd was sold to Firouzan, Zohreh, Josephine M Carpenito T, and Carpenito, John G by Schutzman, Philip D for $749,900 on 10/28/24

13 Sears St was sold to Hayatee RET and Ahmed-Rollins, Sonia S by Flynn, Lauren and Flynn, John F for $1,379,000 on 10/31/24

146 Winn St was sold to Anthony Fabrizio Jr Lt and Fabrizio Jr, Anthony by Mukherjee, Ritesh for $1,074,000 on 10/29/24

64 Winn St was sold to Obrien, Kathryn A by Atkins, Demetrius C and Atkins, Kelsey C for $735,000 on 10/30/24

LYNNFIELD

9 Debston Ln was sold to Breen, David J by Asb Getaways LLC for $875,000 on 11/01/24

16 Fernway was sold to Harrigan, Judith A by Mcclellan, Michael D and Mcclellan, Shiva for $1,022,000 on 11/01/24

6 Fernway was sold to Hines, Stephanie F and Hines, William J by Dinuzzo, Michaela and Dinuzzo, Patrick for $1,150,000 on 10/30/24

12 Huntingdon Rd was sold to Wein, Mary V by Mclarney, Richard M and Mclarney, Mitra for $1,665,000 on 10/28/24

116 Locksley Rd was sold to Carpi, Megan, Bourque Ft, and Bourque 3rd, Arthur J by Hook Jr, James J for $2,300,000 on 10/31/24

88 Main St was sold to Bhatia, Narain D by Bhatia-Yadav, Niru and Yadav, Vivek for $1,535,000 on 10/24/24

36 Partridge Ln #36 was sold to Sinkiewicz, Beverly A by Spadafora, Diane and Spadafora, George for $650,000 on 10/30/24

245 Salem St was sold to Duc Residential LLC by Dibiase, Tory and Dibiase, Ugo for $3,950,000 on 10/28/24

NORTH READING

4 Appletree Ln was sold to Graham Ft and Graham, Richard N by Liu, Shuangzhou and Liu, Yanxi for $760,000 on 10/31/24

37 Brassie Way #37 was sold to Newhall, Robert E by Nigrelli, Eugene and Nigrelli, Joan for $815,000

114 North St was sold to Escamilla Jr, Eutimio J and Escamilla, Tracy by Weng, Zhi Q and Yeung, Hiu T for $638,000 on 10/30/24

64 Old Andover Rd was sold to Habeeb, Frederick G by Barut, Onur and Barut, Tugba C for $730,000 on 11/01/24

26 Olde Coach Rd was sold to Griswold-Rossetti RET and Griswold, Kyle W by Huang, Zhengyi for $1,550,000 on 10/31/24

11 Southwick Rd was sold to Lewis, Thomas G and Lewis, Monica L by Evangelista, Sarah for $815,500 on 10/24/24

36 Wilson Ave N was sold to Arboleda, Yordany P, Mcinerney, Tess A by Perez, Max A for $580,000 on 11/01/24

READING

36 Abigail Way #2010 was sold to Neal, David C and Neal, Deborah L by Walsh, Barbara J for $543,000 on 10/24/24

9 Abigail Way #2011 was sold to Cataldo Richard R Est and Cataldo, John by Dinapoli, Kristen for $515,000 on 11/01/24

23 Augustus Ct #3001 was sold to Ruth Ann Kupfer T and Shick, Bruce by Bramante, Phyllis M for $680,000 on 10/24/24

22 Carnation Cir #C was sold to Jean Humphrey T and Humphrey, Patrick by Saunders, Christopher for $555,000 on 10/24/24

122 Charles St was sold to Joan G Kaper T and Izzi, Paul J by Cjm Builders Inc for $565,000 on 10/30/24

16 Ellis Ave was sold to Girouard, Michael J and Girouard, Gina A by Flynn, Michael and Flynn, Nora for $1,061,000 on 10/30/24

144 Forest St was sold to Polk Kenneth L Est and Scott, Leane by Brigham Builders LLC for $700,000 on 11/01/24

506 Gazebo Cir #506 was sold to Wang, Yan by Wang, Yunqi for $585,000 on 10/28/24

44 Longview Rd was sold to Couture Rt and Couture, Karen A by Shannon, Allison and Shannon, Michael H for $1,055,000 on 11/01/24

1141 Main St was sold to Sebastian, Jessica and Cummings, Samuel by Langrana, Sanober B and Oberoi, Nitin for $1,075,500 on 10/28/24

743 Main St #2 was sold to Fitz, Alex by Monaghan, William D for $420,000 on 11/01/24

STONEHAM

62 Elm St #64 was sold to 44-46 Elm Street T and Trump, Sylvia by Patel, Himanshu and Patel, Jignaben H for $675,000 on 10/24/24

115 Franklin St was sold to Abbas, Hamza and Le, Vinh by Nguyen, Linda for $1,030,000 on 11/01/24

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159 Main St #A1 was sold to Swan, Michael and Swan, Rita by Matthews, Diane for $450,000 on 10/30/24

426 Main St #303 was sold to Verma, Amit and Verma, Vinita by Okeefe, Kerri for $615,000 on 10/30/24

64 Main St #52B was sold to Keen, Brenda A by Tanwar, Hem S and Barooah, Mayurpankhi for $408,000 on 10/31/24

66 Main St #23A was sold to Gahm, Cheryl L by Martinez, Paula A and Duhaime, Mark, Borges Bette Jane Est for $400,000 on 10/29/24

68 Main St #41C was sold to Reid, Marie by Battle, Myia E, Kauler Marie Est for $375,000 on 11/01/24

12 West St was sold to Kench, Laurie by Breen, Richard, Ronald C Anderson Irt for $480,000 on 10/25/24

TEWKSBURY

75 Brown St was sold to Senesi, Francis J and Senesi, Kathleen R by Ortiz, Reynard for $640,000 on 10/24/24

193 Chandler St #193 was sold to Scott-Donahue, Kimberly by Korsen, Ryan, Cruz, Lierymell A, Scott Rt for $530,000 on 10/30/24

74 Cinnamon Cir was sold to Degregorio, Robert A by Kay, Lisa for $396,000 on 11/01/24

23 Decarolis Dr #23 was sold to Miller, Michael and Miller, Paramita by Raval, Brijesh D and Raval, Chhaya for $428,000 on 11/01/24

936 East St was sold to Bain, Alan H by Garas-Doos, Mina R and Garas, Moheb R for $435,000 on 11/01/24

80 Foster Rd was sold to Teel, Peter S and Teel, Monica E by Cappione, Kaitlyn and Cappione, Alexa for $680,000 on 10/25/24

40 Harold Pl was sold to Bennett, Robert J and Bennett, Arati S by Tsiklis, Charles and Tsiklis, Daniela for $1,360,000 on 10/31/24

114 Heritage Dr #114 was sold to Disanto, William G by Mendes, Rodrigo and Mendes, Keysiene C for $502,000 on 10/25/24

97 Heritage Dr #97 was sold to Popovic, Yuri by Williams, John and Williams, Zoe C for $530,000 on 10/25/24

150 John St was sold to Mykytiw, Deborah K by Visconti, Bianca and Paone, Paul for $810,000 on 10/28/24

41 John St was sold to Baker, Edward A and Baker, Kathleen by Sacco, Scott and Ronayne, Michelle for $637,000 on 10/25/24

11 Kevin St was sold to Campos, Willian D by Clark, Jennifer for $690,000 on 10/31/24

WAKEFIELD

61 Forest St was sold to Butters, Emily and Callahan, John by 61 Forest LLC for $600,000 on 11/01/24

62 Green St was sold to The Blessing Prop LLC by Reyes-Erazo, Lesem D for $775,000 on 10/30/24

37 Gregory Rd was sold to Pearce, Christopher and Pearce, Charlotte by Kayeum, Laura and Rodriguez, Skarlyn for $1,400,000 on 10/25/24

486 Main St was sold to Act Rt and Young, Alan H by 486 Main Street LLC for $1,700,000 on 10/31/24

642 Main St #302 was sold to Oh, Lin and Oh, Nozomu by Neal, David C and Neal, Deborah L for $780,000 on 10/29/24

38 Richardson Ave #38 was sold to Valica, Michael T by Dolaty, Amir H for $520,000 on 10/31/24

186 Vernon St #4 was sold to Kozlowski, Michael by Macdonald, Kyle for $390,000 on 10/28/24

WILMINGTON

18 Beeching Ave was sold to Thigpen, Maria by Karamoutsos, Dimitrios and Kozelian, Mari for $440,000 on 10/30/24

54 Chestnut St was sold to Bajenaru, Victor and Bajenaru, Emily A by Opendoor Property J LLC for $786,600 on 10/31/24

24 Columbia St was sold to Mccue, Shamus W and Maher, Kylee J by Henry, Devin A and Henry, Conor P for $540,000 on 10/31/24

28 Concord St was sold to G&m Oleary Ft and Oleary, George W by Lrm & Slm Ft and Merola, Sharron L for $150,000 on 10/24/24

16 Dewey Ave was sold to Howell, Brian D and Howell, Maryann M by Bu, Lake and Fan, Mengyue for $950,000 on 10/24/24

7 Dewey Ave was sold to Flynn Ft and Flynn, Pamela H by Turner, Ryan and Turner, Michaela for $685,000 on 10/25/24

16 Fairmeadow Rd was sold to Turri Group Inc by Shea, John J for $675,000 on 10/30/24

14 Hathaway Rd was sold to Atamian Ft and Atamian, Gary A by Conroy, Brian for $620,000 on 10/31/24

314 Main St #202 was sold to Angiuoni Jr, Guy by Jet Rt and Leblanc, Eugene R for $90,000 on 10/24/24

18 Marcus Rd was sold to Vangelist, Michael J and Vangelist, Colleen C by Crowley, Megan H and Martin, Mitchell for $685,000 on 10/24/24

80 Middlesex Ave was sold to Kyle, James by Dozier, Daniel A and Cabana, Molly for $615,000 on 11/01/24

2 Moore St was sold to Ahearn, Sarah by Mccauley Jr, Charles and Mccauley, Barbara for $730,000 on 10/30/24

30 Murray Hill Cir was sold to Harbert, Christopher W and Ahearn, Sarah by Chandrasekaran, Arjun and Chandrasekaran, Neeraja for $1,175,000 on 10/30/24

22 Pinewood Rd was sold to Scheld, Katherine and Scheld, Trevor by Bond, Matthew for $565,000 on 10/31/24

WINCHSTER

4 Albamont Rd was sold to Chandran, Bala and Balakrishnan, Hamsa by Christine Robertson T and Robertson, Royce for $1,421,000 on 10/30/24

5 Charles Rd #5 was sold to Mukherjee Ft and Mukherjee, Indrajit by Panos, Joshua for $670,000 on 10/31/24

67 Dunster Ln was sold to Rosenberger, Tara M by 67 Dunster Lane LLC for $635,000 on 11/01/24

49 Edward Dr #49 was sold to Jiang, Shan by Costello, Teaghan and Costello, Meghan for $915,000 on 10/24/24

57 Hutchinson Rd was sold to Outwater Ft and Mandile, Brenda O by Lisa G Gattineri T and Gattineri, Anthony for $1,500,000 on 11/01/24

15 Mayflower Rd was sold to Pickering, Bryon B by 15 Mayflower Road LLC for $1,200,000 on 11/01/24

5 Pilgrim Dr was sold to Van Stry, Erik D by Zheng, Xiaodan and Zhang, Jiexi for $2,400,000 on 10/28/24

WOBURN

1 Baldwin Ave was sold to Zvara, James and Zvara, Andrea by Magar, Mohan T and Thapa Magar, Laxmi K for $805,000 on 10/31/24

5 Brae Cir was sold to Murphy, Anne B by Mahajan, Akshay B and Joshi, Gargi A for $880,000 on 11/01/24

9 Bruno Ter was sold to Bruno Ft and Bruno, Carol A by Nicolas, Wassim and Nicolas, Kristin for $1,000,000 on 10/29/24

273 Cambridge Rd #509 was sold to Fitzmaurice, Kathleen by 3sp RET and Sadjady, Pezhmon for $420,000 on 11/01/24

4 Carter Rd was sold to Dichiara, Eric and Dichiara, Kathleen E by Wingrove, Robert G and Carrabba, Caryn J for $795,000 on 10/31/24

33 Day Cir was sold to King, Paula by Chirichiello, Christopher and Chirichiello, Alessandra, Castiglione Ft for $585,000 on 10/29/24

41 Duren Ave was sold to Felleisen, Sebastian and Felleisen, Lauren by Downing, Jason P and Mcisaas, Lauren K for $749,900 on 10/30/24

11 Goodwin Dr #53 was sold to Pute Homes Of New Eng LL by Mtileni, Gift G and Mtileni, Norah E for $332,700 on 10/24/24

17 Highet Ave was sold to Rose, Grant and Rose, Elizabeth by Raposo, Jonathan and Raposo, Samantha M for $765,000 on 11/01/24

16 Ingalls St was sold to Obrien Jr, Hugh and Obrien, Sheila by Ribas, Anthony and Beyer, Carly for $775,000 on 10/31/24

3 Jericho Rd was sold to Mcsheffrey, David and Mcsheffrey, Jeanne by Jarvis, Christopher M and He, Meiqian for $975,000 on 10/28/24

9 John St #2 was sold to Stone, Charlotte by Higgins, Kara for $332,500 on 11/01/24

10 Lafayette Pl was sold to Melite, Jacob A by Bedekar, Mugha and Purohit, Prathamesh for $865,568 on 10/28/24

270 Lexington St was sold to Kall, Andrew R and Woodling, Katelyn E by Gonsalves, Christopher J for $642,500 on 11/01/24

38 Mill St was sold to Cernigliaro, Massimo by Hormozdiari, Farhoad and Ju, Jui-Ting for $860,000 on 11/01/24

Sonic 'Superheroes' of Song return to Arlington's Historic Regent Theatre in Dec.

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The Rock n' Roll, Vocal, and GRAMMY® Halls of Fame culture icons, The Platters® (theplatters.com), de-facto members of the Marvel® Cinematic Universe® (MCU) music family, will bring their self-titled "Very Merry Christmas Show" home to The Regent Theatre in Arlington, Massachusetts on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30pm. The Platters, founded and named by Herb Reed in the mid-50s, continues today with Lance Bernard Bryant, Omar Ross, Jovian K. Ford, and Brittney Necole Bellamy.

Collectively, they lend their harmonically smooth voices to taking audiences on a festive holiday-themed soiree via a magical, interactive, sonic-driven sleigh ride fueled by music from across the decades. The Platters weave their major evergreen hits, "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," with family fun holiday classics geared toward a night of joyful memories and family fun accompanied by their band Sonic Evolution.

The vocal group's festive jubilee will play multiple dates from coast to coast, including stops at the Sycuan Casino in San Diego, California; the Rubicon Theatre in Ventura, California; Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort in Laughlin, Nevada; the Savannah Theatre at The Villages in Ocala, Florida; The Regent Theatre in Arlington, Massachusetts; and the Elmasian Auditorium in East Providence, Rhode Island. Please visit theplatters.com and click on the tour tab for links to tickets and performance times.

The Platters became citizens of the MCU in 2021, with one of their timeless hits, Twilight Time, placed on the breakthrough Marvel® — Disney+® streaming television series WandaVision. This past July, "Only You (and You Alone)", the song that first launched the vocal group onto the national music charts, recently took the top spot on the critically acclaimed soundtrack of Marvel's international blockbuster Deadpool & Wolverine.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Male reportedly tried to take tip jar at Macs Dairy Farm

Monday, November 11

3:39 a.m. - Home owner reported her car alarm kept going off in the driveway at Pine Street. She did not see anything and requested an officer to check the area. Police sent. They checked the area and spoke to the home owner and it appeared car alarm was malfunctioning.

7:50 a.m. - Employee at Cumberland Farms reported a threatening phone call that he received about ten minutes ago on the business's phone. It was a West Palm Beach number. Police sent. They spoke with the employee. No direct threats were made, not sure if it was a prank call.

8:45 a.m. - A 911 caller stated the chain was cut off a locked back fence last night and 11 empty kegs were stolen at Longhorn Steak House. Police sent and officer filed a report.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported three individuals had come into the business of Escapology and caused some problems. Caller was disturbed by their behavior. She also stated she had some video of what they were doing and that they left in a white Nissan Altima. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Tuesday, November 12

9:24 a.m. - Manager from Citizens Bank reported a disturbance with a female. She was yelling and screaming at staff and customers. Then she stepped outside, unsure if she was still on scene. Police sent. Female party located in Lowell just over the line. Officer brought trespass order to to be served. They filed a report.

3:19 p.m. - Caller stated on her camera, someone was walking around her backyard and now had broken lock on her back door at Patricia Drive. She did a walk through and didn't appear anything was taken. Police sent and officer filed a report.

4:46 p.m. - Caller stated male wearing jeans and blue jacket came out from the woods behind her at Carnation Drive. Male walked down to Summer Street, and the caller wanted area checked. Police sent. They checked the area, and all was cleared.

7:50 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious male at Macs Dairy Farm. Staff reported the male tried to take the tip jar. The male was described as a white male wearing a gray hoodie sweatshirt and a backpack. Police sent. They checked the area, but gone on arrival.

Wednesday, November 13

8:03 a.m. - A 911 caller reported two teenagers were standing in the area of her home last night and made her uncomfortable at Quail Run. Caller stated one male asked if she had room for him to live with her. Police sent. The female was all set. She believed it was a couple of 13-year olds from the area.

3 p.m. - Caller reported the driver of an older black Ford ran over two seagulls and was driving erratically on Main Street out of Aubuchon Hardware. Police sent. Officer filed a report. Animal control picked up the animal.

4:13 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious van with males standing outside with masks at Circle K. Van described as a blue work van. Caller stated he saw one male walking across the street toward the power lines. Police sent. They checked the area and they were on gone at arrival.

8:16 p.m. - Police off with an argument at Ames Hill Drive. The argument was over a parking spot. The parties spoke to and it was a civil dispute over a parking spot.

10:30 p.m. - Police reported the gym door of the Dewing School was propped open and not secure. They checked the area. Area was cleared and they were able to secure the door. The keyboarder was responding to the Dewing to reset the alarm.

Thursday, November 14

12:08 p.m. - Caller reported a white female wearing a cowboy hat and cameo pants was waving an American Flag and acting erratically at Main Street. Police sent, but the suspect was gone on arrival.

2:19 p.m. - Caller stated two males in red motor vehicle in her driveway. Unknown who they were at Claire Street. Police sent. Male parties were from Newport Window and the reporting parties forgot about the appointment.

4:36 p.m. - Caller stated frequent flyer female waving and yelling at staff at Market Basket north. She was currently in the parking lot and the employee requested no trespassing. Police sent. Female left the location into Lowell. They advised Lowell Police Department who was aware of the matter was would investigate. Female declined to speak with an officer and was on her way. Officer filed a report.

5:30 p.m. - Caller was behind an erratic driver heading through a red light and passing over the yellow lines heading at Wendy's. Police sent. Vehicle entered Lowell and Lowell Police Department was notified.

Friday, November 15

12:44 p.m. - Caller reported he was out of town and his neighbor called him to report he heard someone inside his apartment at Delaney Drive. Police sent. Officer did a walk through. Everything appeared to be in order. Officer filed a report.

3:32 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding motor vehicle at Patten Road. Police sent and they check the area. They spoke with the caller.

7:18 p.m. - Around 6:30 p.m., a male party knocked on the caller's door at Kernwood Avenue. No one was home, so the male checked her mailbox and then went to check if her shed was unlocked. She had a ring video to show officers. Officer spoke to the party and advice give.

9:54 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she heard a loud explosion at Andover Street and Ames Pond Drive. Caller was at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent and they checked the area. Sounds could be coming from the traffic on the highway.

Saturday, November 16

1 p.m. - Caller's ex husband kept driving by her house in a gray Volvo and she did not feel safe at Grasshopper Lane. Police sent. Officer filed a report. No active issues going on right now. Female party reviewed the footage of a silver SUV.

5:36 p.m. - Worker at Advanced Auto Parts reported he saw a red pickup truck doing donuts in the parking lot. No visual now, but he believed they were still on scene. Police sent. No improper use of vehicle observed. Individuals have since left the parking lot.

6:56 p.m. - Caller reported they were rear-ended by a motor vehicle at Main Street and Pleasant Street. The vehicle left the scene. Police sent. Patrick George, 46, of 51 Saint Marys Drive in Jefferson, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, child endangerment while OUI, and leaving the scene of property damage.

7:09 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver at Market Basket north. Police sent. Franklin Cepeda, 55, of 71 Mystic St. in Methuen, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Sunday, November 17

3:35 am - A 911 caller reported she heard someone jiggle the handle to her bedroom door at Ironwood Lane. She should be alone in the residence and her front door was barricaded. Police sent. Nothing found in the property. Officer filed a report.

5:39 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a female took $200 and went out the front door, possibly to the front desk at Motel 6. She did not have a vehicle and was wearing a red coat. No weapons involved. Police sent. A misunderstanding with how much money was given to the female. Nothing further.

11:15 a.m. - A 911 caller reported she was arguing with a male in front of Citizen Bank over the sale of a vehicle and outstanding EX pass charges on her vehicle. Caller was advised it was a civil issue and disconnected. Police sent. They were able to determine it was a civil matter and facilitate exchange of finances.

Wilmington Police Log

Three people issued summons for alleged shoplifting

Friday, Nov. 8:

6:04 a.m.: Aida Granados of 71 Chester Ave., in Chelsea, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of her red 2010 Toyota Venza on Burlington Avenue.

1:14 p.m.: Alexander James Hart of B2 Colonial Dr., Apt. #10, in Andover, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his black 2020 Nissan Versa on Salem Street.

2:23 p.m.: A caller at the CVS on Main Street reported that a customer appeared to be attempting to pay with counterfeit bills. The customer ended up leaving without carrying out a transaction with bills in hand.

Saturday, Nov. 9:

1:12 a.m.: A man called from Upton Drive, stating that he was chased from Boston by a truck with tinted windows, before leaving his vehicle and running into the woods. The man said he didn't know where he is, or where his keys are. Police assisted with looking for his keys, but the man ended up staying in his car overnight until his mother could bring him a spare set of keys.

2:27 p.m.: A white 2007 Ford F750 and a gray 2019 Jeep Cherokee were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. No airbags were deployed, but police ended up calling for fire department transport for one person.

4:08 p.m.: A woman on Salem Street reported another woman walking around the tracks on Salem Street "not acting right," kneeling down by the gates, picking things up, and making erratic movements. It turned out that the woman in question was actually a young man who liked trains and was taking pictures.

Sunday, Nov. 10:

11:03 a.m.: Police checked on a man loading items into his car near the Main Street Consignment & Thrift. The man stated he was taking items lying out on the roadside in front of the store, but police advised him to speak with employees before taking the items.

11:46 a.m.: Sannel Edtime Castro, of 26 Rockingham St., in Lynn, as well as two undisclosed juveniles, were issued summonses for shoplifting by asportation. This followed loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting three juveniles actively shoplifting, later reporting them running out of the store into a red sedan.

6:31 p.m.: Jailson J Gomes Barros of 23 Adams St., in Boston, was arrested for shoplifting by asportation. This followed a report by loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street that they had a shoplifter in their office.

Monday, Nov. 11:

10:57 a.m.: Police witnessed a white 1992 Cadillac Brougham and a black 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee get into an accident on Middlesex Avenue.

12:45 p.m.: A wheelchair was reported stolen from the Friendship Lodge on Church Street.

5:05 p.m.: A blue 2005 Toyota Camry and a gray 2006 Toyota Prius were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Church Street. Airbags were deployed, but both parties declined medical attention.

Tuesday, Nov. 12:

7:23 a.m.: The train gates on Salem Street were reported to be malfunctioning, with police noticing that they appeared to have been struck by a passing car. Keolis arrived to do a temporary fix, returning later in the day to do repairs.

8:47 a.m.: A Lyft driver on Lowell Street reported that he was being followed and threatened by an unknown woman. It was discovered this was connected to an apparent previous road rage incident, with police sending both of them on their way.

5:19 p.m.: A white 2022 box truck rear-ended a green 2005 Toyota Camry on the I-93 SB Rt. 31 Ramp. No airbags were deployed, no injuries were reported, and the drivers exchanged insurance information.

Wednesday, Nov. 13:

5:53 a.m.: A caller on the I-93 NB highway reported a car hitting a barrier and entering the woods at the median. A second caller, who was involved in the accident, reported that he crashed into the breakdown lane and hit a tree, but was unhurt. State police handled the situation.

9:11 a.m.: John Brooks Earle of 16 Andover Road, in Beverly, was issued a summons for leaving the scene of property damage and failure to yield at an intersection. This followed a caller on Ballardvale Street reporting that his car was struck by a green 2019 Subaru Forester, which proceeded to keep on driving towards Andover.

11:23 p.m.: Nicholas Joseph McDonough of 14 Audubon Road, Apt. #508, in Wakefield, was issued a summons for failure to dim headlights and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of his gray 2020 Honda Civic near Rizzo's Pizza on Church Street.

Thursday, Nov. 14:

9:14 a.m.: A white 2008 Honda CR-V Sport and a white 2015 Ford Transit were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

2:22 p.m.: Nailson Tiago C Pereira of 466 Newbury St., Apt. #17, in Danvers, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a license suspended for OUI, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and failure to stop/yield. This followed a stop of his white 2014 Honda Civic on Glen Road.

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Kilby initiated into the Missouri Military Academy Corps of Cadets

MEXICO, MO — On Oct. 19, 2024, **Mirko Kilby**, child of Sandra Gudac and Charles Kilby of **Wilmington**, was inducted into the 136th Missouri Military Academy (MMA) Corps of Cadets at the MMA Passing Through Ceremony. Missouri Military Academy is an all-male, college preparatory military boarding school (middle school and high school) with a diverse domestic and international student population.

The Passing Through Ceremony is an MMA tradition that officially welcomes new cadets into the corps after they have completed Maroon Phase training, which includes a cadet handbook test and the Crucible.

The handbook test is a thorough exam of MMA rules and regulations, the Honor Code and Academy history and traditions. The Crucible is a series of physical challenges cadets must overcome as a team, and this year's challenges included a physical training test, a six-mile hike with a stretcher carry, a three-mile obstacle run with 16 physical challenges, a tactical paintball battle, a rope run, and a modified combat fitness test modeled after the Marine Corps' standards.

"Our new cadets reached this significant milestone through teamwork and perseverance. I am proud of how they helped and encouraged each other," said MMA President Brigadier General Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret). "For many, this was their first experience with such intense training, and they now stand stronger and more self-assured, with a clearer understanding of their own capabilities and potential. Their commitment and determination make them — and their families — deserving of this special recognition."

Kilby was awarded and authorized to wear the coveted MMA hat brass that bears the MMA crest. The hat brass symbolizes his official status as a full member of the MMA Corps of Cadets. Kilby will now advance in his MMA training on track for high school graduation in 2026.

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Wildcats make it TWO IN A ROW

Wilmington football beats Essex Tech

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▲ An EssexTech player gets a whole hand of Ayden Bellevy's acemask during game action. (Joe Brown photo)

Winless through eight dismal weeks of football, the Wilmington High football team managed to remain optimistic throughout, working toward a remedy for a season-gone-wrong.

Their diligence finally paid off with back-to-back wins down the stretch.

On the heels of a breakthrough 46-35 triumph over an equally struggling Arlington Catholic club, Wilmington welcomed in Essex Tech last Thursday night and captured a 28-14 win to improve to 2-8 overall with one contest remaining.

The Wildcats were led by sophomore tailback Gus Lambert, who compiled 162-yards on 23 carries and a pair of first half touchdowns. Senior quarterback Mark Holleran also contributed, rushing for a late score to stave off an Essex Tech rally.

"Because of injuries, we started four or five sophomores tonight," said Wilmington coach Craig Turner. "This is a group of kids that have never played varsity but they answered the bell and delivered. A lot of young guys stepped up and contributed. This was a great team win tonight."

Essex Tech won the toss and deferred, handing the opening possession to its host.

The Wildcats obliged, scoring on a 9-play, 68-yard drive, capped with a 21-yard Lambert touchdown rush to claim a 6-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter, Wilmington doubled the advantage on a grueling 12-play, 66-yard series, culminating with a Lambert 8-yarder.

The Wildcats executed yet another marathon drive, 90-yards on 12-plays, polished off with a 1-yard plunge from senior tailback Ayden Bellevy with seconds left in the half.

Three possessions, three scores, a successful 2-point conversion after two earlier misses, and Wilmington seemed firmly in the driver's seat, 20-0 at the break.

"We have two great running backs and our offensive line, banged up as they are, really brought it tonight," said Turner. "We put it on their shoulders and rode them. I'm an offensive lineman at heart and I want run the ball. It was great to see them drive down the field, four or five yards at a clip. That was awesome stuff."

Essex Tech QB Jacoby Casinelli-Tarasuik added a little drama to the mix as the third quarter got underway, snapping the shutout with a 53-yard breakaway sprint. Minutes later, after reclaiming the ball on downs, the Hawks drew to within a score when Casinelli-Tarasuik sped 56-yards to pay dirt.

Their lead rapidly diminishing, the 'Cats responded in the fourth quarter.

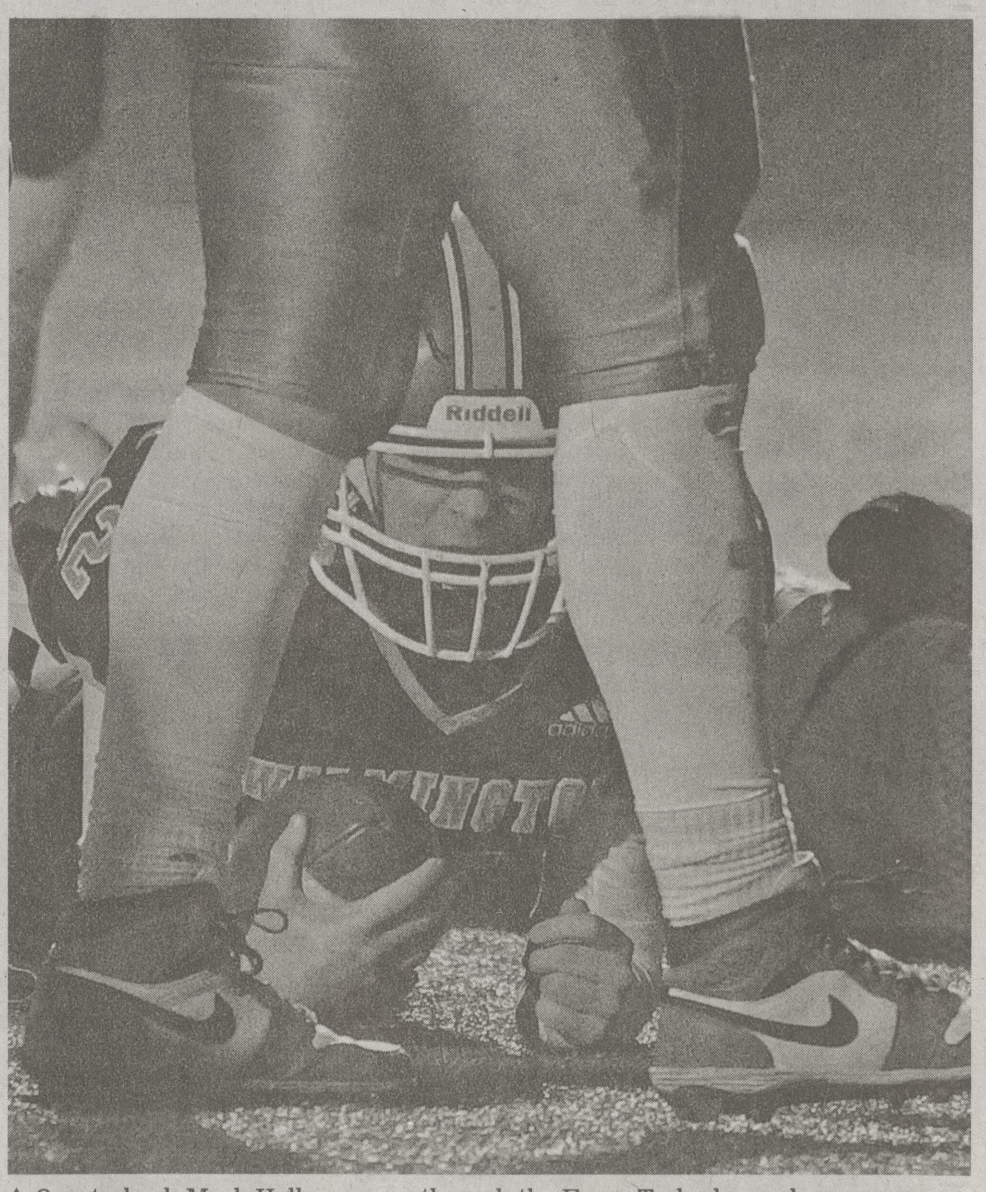
Behind the combined efforts of Lambert, Bellevy, and Holleran, the Wildcats marched into the red zone, with Holleran trampling the Essex Tech rally hopes with an 8-yard rushing TD with 3:04 left.

"The offensive line did their job and while we didn't throw much, we were able to run the ball very well tonight," said Holleran, who was 7-of-14 for 74-yards in a limited aerial game. "Shout-out to the offensive linemen. They're really banged-up but they were just dogs tonight."

When asked about the prospect of facing a relative unknown non-league opponent, Turner laughed and said, "I actually know Essex Tech very well. When I was in Mystic Valley as a head coach, I was never able to beat these guys. This was great to finally get one against them."

Next up for Wilmington is a Thanksgiving Day trip to face the MIAA Div. 4 state semifinal bound Tewksbury Redmen.

The 91st meeting between these longtime rivals convenes at Doucette Stadium at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving. Last year marked the 13th consecutive Tewksbury win in this holiday tradition.



▲ Quarterback Mark Holleran seen through the Essex Tech players legs. (Joe Brown photo)

◀ Ayden Bellevy heads for the end zone with quarterback Mark Holleran indicating a TD. (Joe Brown photo)

WHS runners finish fine season

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The Wilmington High boys and girls cross country teams finished up their season on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the MIAA Meet of Champions at Fort Devens.

The girls team placed 21st as a team in the race that was won by Westwood High School. The girls were led by senior captain Addy Hunt, who finished 35th in a time of 20:58.83.

Charlotte Kiley also finished in the top 100 overall, taking 84th in 22:19.59.

Wilmington's next three runners all finished in under 25 minutes.

Kaitlyn Shackelford was 125th in 23:25.32, Bella Zaya was 155th in 24:08.93 and Cayley Israelson placed 164th in 24:37.73.

Also representing the Wildcats was Tessa Cappione, 181st in 27:01.72, and Rebecca Hughes, who took 183rd in 28:40.58.

The boys team placed 23rd in the race that was won by Longmeadow High School.

The boys were led by junior Gavin Dong, who finished 79th in a time of 17:53.72.

Other top WHS runners included Jake Cronin, who was 134th in 18:38, Dean Ciampa, who was 140th in 18:46.05, and David Dyson, whose time of 18:56.63 was good for 146th place.

The three other Wildcats runners all finished in under 20 minutes.

Evan Cummings was 156th in 19:18.78, Cooper Holleran was 166th in 19:38.52 and Spencer Bagtaz, who ended up 169th in 19:49.28.

This was the final high school cross country race for five seniors including captain Dean Ciampa, captain Spencer Bagtaz, captain Addy Hunt, captain Tessa Cappione and Rebecca Hughes.

▲ Wilmington High cross country ended the year at the Meet of Champions last weekend.
(Courtesy photo)

Shawsheen football back in Final Four

Rams play Old Rochester Regional Friday with trip to Gillette on the line

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For the third straight year, the Shawsheen Tech football team has qualified for the Final Four.

On Friday night, the Rams won for the 21st straight time on their home turf, blowing out Newburyport by a 42-0 score to advance to the state's Div. 5 semifinals on Friday at 6 p.m. at Scituate High School.

Shawsheen will face Old Rochester Regional High School of Mattapoisett, who beat Norton in their Friday night quarterfinal game.

The winner Friday will play in the Div. 5 Super Bowl against the winner of Hanover and Foxborough the weekend of Dec. 7.

"Wow," said Ram coach Al Costabile. "I'm so proud of these guys. I'm so proud of my coaches.

The preparation that was put into this, everyone was on the same page. I'm just so happy to be a small part of this. I'm a lucky man."

The Rams scored on their first four possessions to build a 28-0 halftime lead.

While the visiting Clippers did manage a few big plays, something that not many opponents this season have been able to do, the Shawsheen defense never saw Newburyport get closer than the 26-yard line.

A 43-yard run by senior quarterback Colin Fuller, an 11-yard pass from Fuller to senior Samuel Craig and a 51-yard pass play to Craig all seemed to get Shawsheen's attention, but Newburyport was never able to sustain any drives.

▲ Cullen Walsh (56) helps quarterback Sid Tildsley (12) picks up a few extra yards during a run.
(Doug Hastings photo)

"Fuller is a great quarterback and they have some great weapons. They've scored a lot of points every game they've played in," Costabile said. "We knew that they would test us with their weapons. I can't say enough about our defense."

Shortly after each Clipper first down, the Shawsheen defense came up with sacks that ultimately stopped the drive.

The Rams opened the scoring just 3:42 into the game when senior Zack Timmons scored on a 27-yard run on a reverse, taking a handoff from backfield mate Jake Banda.

A 74-yard drive that took 10 plays to materialize and ended with a 7-yard run by senior quarterback Sid Tildsley on the second play of the second quarter.

Banda's 35-yard run highlighted the drive.

Tildsley scored again at 3:11 of the second quarter on a 2-yard run. Tildsley's 54-yard run set up the touchdown.

With Tildsley and Dyllon Pratt back to return punts, Newburyport made a concerted effort to punt the ball out of bounds every time. The short kicks didn't end up helping the Clippers.

With 3:27 left in the half, the Rams made it 28-0 when Banda pounded home a 2-yard. A 26- yard pass to Pratt and a 9-yard run by Tildsley paved the way into the end zone.

The Rams scored right away to start the second half and used some trickery along the way as Banda took a fake punt for 17 yards on a fourth-and-6 play from midfield.

After a 26-yard completion to Timmons on a third-and-14 play, Tildsley scored his third rushing touchdown of the night from 16 yards away for a 35-0 Shawsheen lead.

Senior Jack Finn was a perfect 7 for 7 on extra points for the night.

The Rams scored their final touchdown late in the third quarter when Timmons scored on an 18- yard run. Timmons' 20-yard carry set up the touchdown and the clock ran for the remainder of the contest.

Tildsley nearly added a 50-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, but the play was called back by a penalty.

Shawsheen's defense was solid throughout with Pratt and senior Brayton Carbone helping stop the pass and a group including Jake Banda, Eric Banda, James Tildsley, Conor Fitzgerald and Cullen Walsh.

"It's a defense that has controlled everybody we've played so far this year," Costabile said.

"Coach (Brian) Tildsley does a great job as the defensive coordinator and my staff does a great job. I'm just so proud of all of them."

Walsh had a huge night with two deflected passes along with his ferocious pass rush. James Tildsley had a memorable play in the third quarter, performing a somersault just before the snap and sacking Fuller a few seconds later for a 9-yard loss.

"A somersault to the outside and then a sack coming in off the edge," Costabile laughed after the game. "That's going to be beautiful on tape."

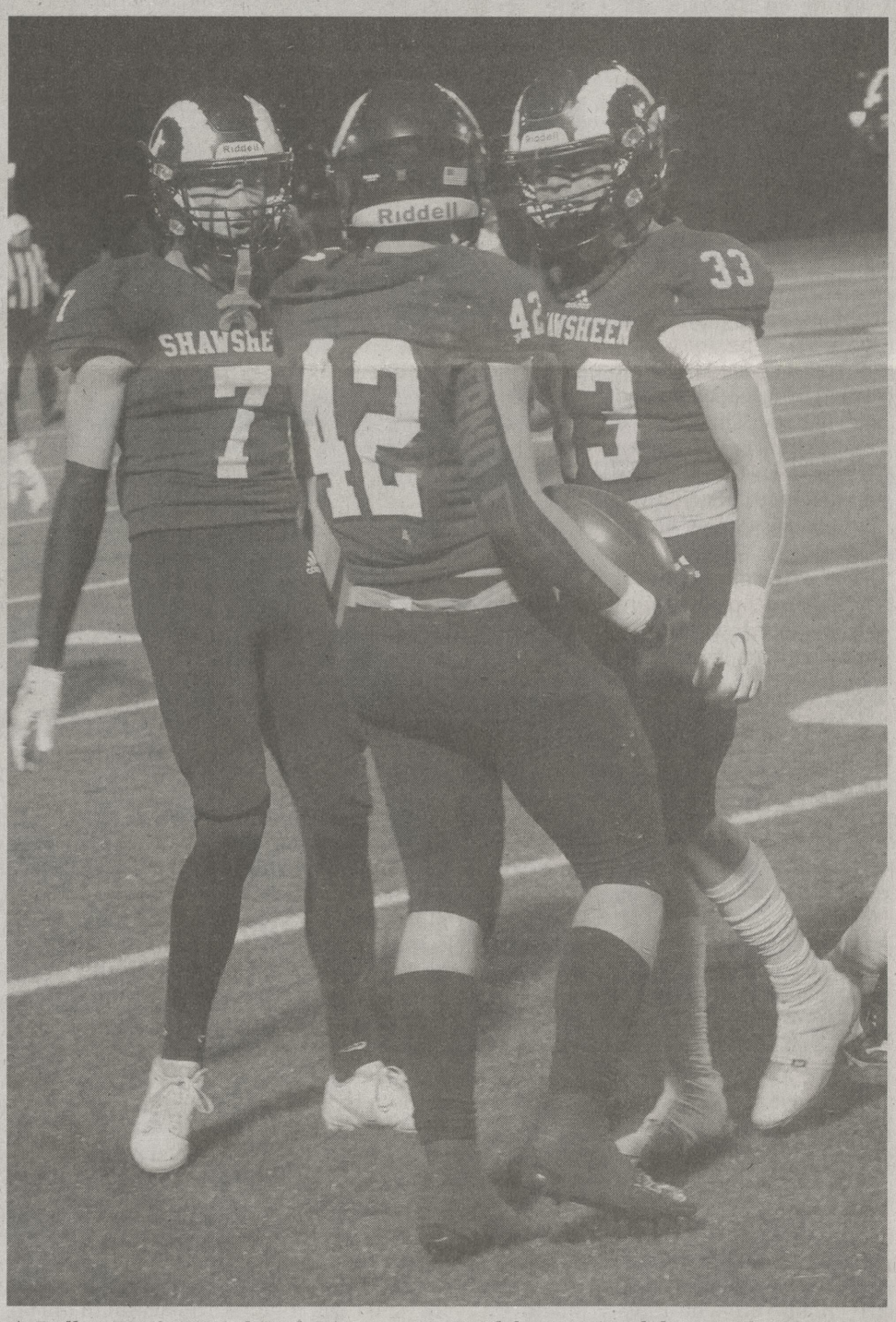
Even the second unit for Shawsheen helped preserve the shutout.

The Clippers had a first-and-goal from the 10-yard line before stops by Bryan Keohan and Rick Raymond forced a fourth down from the 12 where Aiden Pimental stopped the final Newburyport pass.

"It's great group of kids," Costabile added. "They're easy to manage, they behave, they don't need a lot of attention. They're players."

Shawsheen and Old Rochester certainly don't need any introductions.

The Rams have defeated Old Rochester in the playoffs the last two seasons including a 28-8 win in the quarterfinals in 2023 and a 27-20 victory in the quarterfinals in 2022 on the way to the Super Bowl.



▲ Dyllon Pratt (7) and Zack Timmons (33) celebrate a touchdown with Jake Banda (42).
(Doug Hastings photo)

◀ Jake Banda (42) picks up big yards during last Friday's win against Newburyport.
(Doug Hastings photo)

▲ The Shawsheen Tech cross country program recently wrapped up its season at the Div. 2A championships. (Courtesy photo)

Shawsheen runners finish up

Brooks is 10th at Div. 2A championships

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Seven Shawsheen Tech cross country runners competed in the 2A Divisional championships at Devens recently.

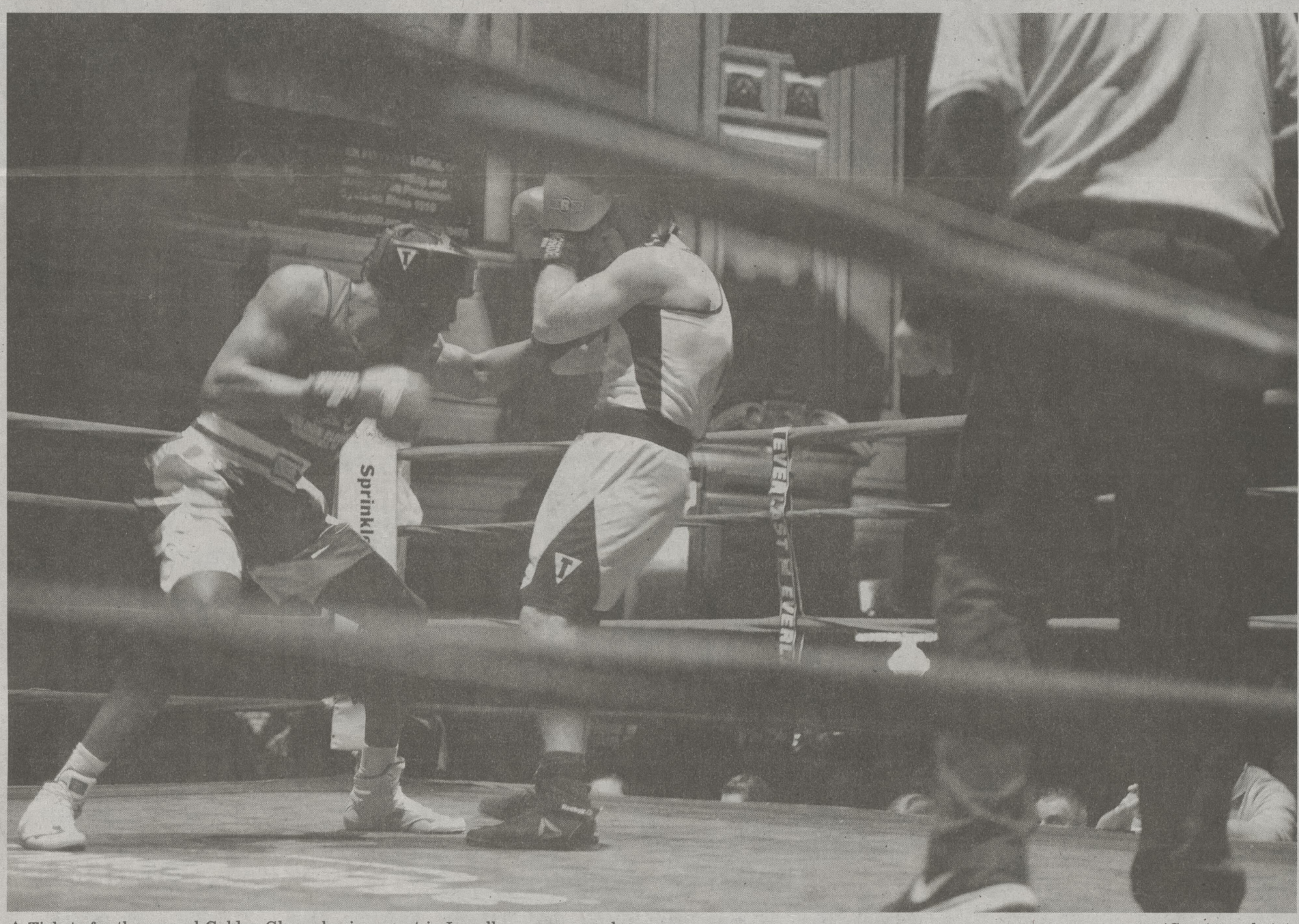
Noah Brooks finished 10th in the boys race out of 183 runners on a challenging course, clocking in at 17:54.

Freshman Justin Girouard ran 19:48.

The boys scored 19th of out 26 teams.

Two girls represented the Rams as individuals.

Sophomore Eloise Krochune led the way with a time of 23:54.



▲ Tickets for the annual Golden Gloves boxing event in Lowell are now on sale. (Courtesy photo)

Tickets for Golden Gloves boxing now on sale

Lowell Memorial Auditorium is proud to welcome back the Annual Golden Gloves for the 2025 season. Every year in the Golden Gloves there is a new flock of boxers trying to work their way up in hopes of advancing their way to top of the competition.

"The Golden Gloves is such a great tradition here in Lowell and I'm excited in anticipation of our 78th year," said Bob Russo, Executive Director of New England Golden Gloves. "The Golden Gloves is my favorite time of the year. The city of Lowell and the thousands of fans are also excited with the news that the 2027 National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions will be held in Lowell. The tournament will also be an Olympic Qualifier for the 2028 Olympics, and we will be gearing up for that over the next two years. Come on out and support this great youth development program, see the future stars of the sport and in the end all of the profits go to local charities."

Season tickets for the 78th annual Golden Gloves are on sale at *lowellauditorium.com* or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

The Gloves has been a tradition in New England since 1947 and sells out the Lowell Memorial Auditorium every year. "It's only there to give kids a way out of a lifestyle and to promote the sport of boxing along with good health, good training, exercise and confidence."

When you win the Goden Gloves, you don't get paid, you get the respect of your community; that's very important to a young kid, as it gives them confidence to build their life upon.

Lowell has a great tradition of boxing dating back 77 years ago. When you go to a Golden Gloves show in Lowell, you know that it is unlike other boxing shows or any other sporting event in general. There is electricity in the air, fans get a certain charge when they watch these fighters give every ounce of themselves for something that can't be seen or touched.

This yearly event to the combatants is that it's not about prizes; it's about pride. Many of the fighters who range in age from 18-40, are not even on a path to the pros or even the Olympics — they are simply there to say they fought in the Golden Gloves. Each match with start at 7:30pm.

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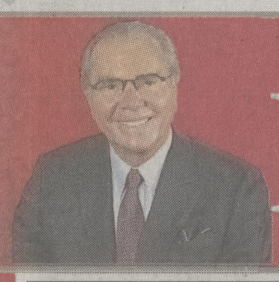

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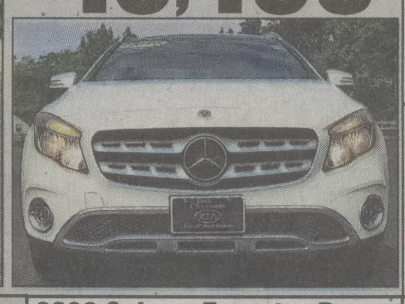

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